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# 1 INTRODUCTION

The Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast (ADS–B) Service Availability Prediction Tool (SAPT) was developed by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (Volpe Center) for the Surveillance and Broadcast Services (SBS) organization within the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring (RAIM) SAPT is intended mainly for situational awareness for pilots, dispatchers, and commercial operators to check their predicted navigation horizontal protection level.

In this document, the term SAPT refers to the system that includes both the ADS–B and RAIM prediction capability. When ADS–B SAPT is specified, the requirement applies only to the ADS–B-related predictions. When RAIM SAPT is specified, the requirement applies only to the RAIM part of the SAPT.

The SAPT is an Internet-accessible application with two interfaces (graphical and eXtensible Markup Language (XML)). The ADS–B SAPT predicts the ability of an aircraft to meet ADS–B airspace performance requirements along a given route of flight.

REMINDER: The SAPT provides maps of wide area outages as an informational flight planning aid for situational awareness only.

## 1.1 ADS–B PREDICTION

An ADS–B prediction is based on the ability of the aircraft avionics to meet performance requirements along a given route of flight, as specified in the Technical Standard Orders (TSO) listed below as well as the predicted status of the Global Positioning System (GPS) constellation:

- C129
- C129 with SA Aware
- C129 with FDE
- C129 with SA Aware & FDE
- C145/146 with WAAS
- C145/146 outside WAAS coverage
- C196

The availability of Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) under TSO–C145c/146c is not provided by the SAPT; however, predictions for TSO–C145c/146c will be available both with WAAS and outside WAAS coverage. The SAPT will also provide users with dispatch information based on the availability of other surveillance sources, such as Wide Area Multilateration (WAM) and Secondary Surveillance Radar (SSR) when ADS–B performance is predicted to be below requirements along a specified route of flight.

The ADS–B prediction computes Navigation Integrity Category (NIC) and Navigation Accuracy Category for Position (NACp) and compares the results to the required values for each point

within the indicated flight plan. In addition, the ADS-B SAPT will allow the FAA to define different NIC and NACp requirements for a defined airspace.

The changed NIC and NACp requirements for this airspace will be applied based on guidance from the FAA. SSR and WAM availability will be based on coverage volumes in the Service Volume Definition Document (SVDD), as modeled by Technologies Service Corporation (TSC), FAA-defined airspace definitions, and status feeds.

The ADS-B SAPT is primarily intended for pilots, dispatchers, and commercial operators to verify their predicted surveillance availability before flight; it is also accessible to others.

For ADS-B, if the aircraft avionics meet the requirements of 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 91.227 but unexpected GPS degradations during the flight inhibit the position source from providing adequate accuracy and integrity for ADS-B, Air Traffic Control (ATC) will be alerted from the aircraft broadcasted data, and may provide services to that aircraft using the back-up strategy.

This information is in accordance with 14 CFR Part 91, Paragraph H.2, Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast (ADS-B) Out Performance Requirements to Support ATC Service<sup>1</sup>, hereafter referred to as the “Final Rule.”

The ADS-B prediction is based on the TSOs — C129, C129 with SA Aware, C129 with FDE, C129 with SA Aware & FDE, C145/146 with WAAS, C145/146 outside WAAS coverage, C196 — of the GPS avionics on the aircraft and on the predicted status of the GPS constellation.

WAAS coverage information will be used for predictions for TSO-C145/146 equipment.

## **1.2 RAIM SAPT**

The RAIM SAPT provides situational awareness to users planning flights which are predicated on TSO-C129 GPS being the primary navigational aid supporting area navigation (RNAV) operations. The RAIM SAPT provides users with TSO-C129 GPS availability predictions along the desired route of flight and compares the results to the user-supplied Horizontal Alert Limit (HAL).

The intent is for users to submit requests that use the FAA’s requirements for navigation performance (RNP) and RNAV in the En Route and Terminal environments, or better. If the predicted integrity does not meet the requested integrity for a five-minute period anywhere along the requested route, the SAPT returns a sufficiency value of “false”. Conversely, if predicted integrity levels meet or exceed these operational limits, the SAPT returns a sufficiency value of “true”.

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<sup>1</sup> The Federal Register, Vol. 75, No. 103 / Friday, May 28, 2010 / Rules and Regulations.

The SAPT provides maps of wide area outages as a flight planning aid. Wide area outage maps are available for a limited subset of supported avionics for both ADS-B and RAIM.

Instructions for using the RAIM tool are found in [Section 9. RAIM Prediction Tool](#) of this user guide.

## 2 BACKGROUND

ADS-B is a surveillance technology in which avionics broadcast an aircraft's identification, position, altitude, velocity, and other information, to support Air Traffic Control (ATC) services in Terminal and En Route airspace, and in airport surface operations.

The FAA ADS-B Final Rule requires that aircraft operating in certain airspace have ADS-B Out capabilities by January 1, 2020.

The FAA ADS-B implementation involves two Air-to-Ground (A/G) (and Air-to-Air (A/A)) broadcast links:

- **1090ES.** This refers to aircraft broadcasts using a 1090 Megahertz (MHz) carrier that conforms to the Mode S Extended Squitter signal protocol.  
Primary standards for aircraft equipment are FAA TSO-C166b and RTCA, Inc., Minimum Operational Performance Standards (MOPS) DO-260B.
- **UAT.** This refers to aircraft broadcasts on a 978 MHz carrier that conforms to the Universal Access Transceiver (UAT) signal protocol.  
Primary standards for aircraft equipment are FAA TSO-C154c and RTCA MOPS DO-282B.

Because radar and ADS-B determine position so differently, an ADS-B Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) was formed to advise the FAA on the adoption of ADS-B.

The ARC recommended that:

“The FAA should create a function for centralized, expert calculation and reporting of predicted continuity of the required navigation performance (RNP) parameters....”  
(Aviation Rulemaking Committee, 2008).

The SAPT addresses the ARC recommendation. In making predictions, the SAPT will take into account the status of the GPS satellite constellation.

In addition, the FAA determined SAPT should include the availability of surveillance such as WAM and SSR to provide an encompassing picture of surveillance coverage. The following list outlines prediction capabilities of ADS-B SAPT:

- ADS-B integrity/accuracy for Terminal and En Route separation services (NIC 7, NACp 8; or better)

- ADS–B integrity/accuracy for separation services different than Terminal and En Route
- SSR coverage
- WAM coverage

### 3 SCOPE

This document has been developed to aid users operate the SAPT under the Baseline Release. Where known, FAA policy about interpreting SAPT results is presented.

*Note: Please refer to Advisory Circular (AC) 90–114A CHG 1, dated 7 March 2016.*

### 4 DEVELOPMENT CYCLE

The ADS–B SAPT development includes the following releases:

- RAIMprediction.net Release (June 2009)
- Test Release (September 2011)
- Baseline Release (May 2013)
- RAIM Integration Release (April 2014)
- Enhancement Release (May 2016)

Three additional major releases are planned:

- Tech Refresh (FY 2016)
- Google Earth™ replacement (December 2016)
- New requirements (FY 2017)

The Test Release of the SAPT system was delivered to the FAA in September 2011 to allow users and developers the opportunity to test and improve the system.

The Baseline Release was delivered in May 2013 and included changes based on user feedback, discovered bugs, algorithm changes, and additional levied requirements. The system is now fully operational and officially available for pre-flight predictions.

The RAIM Integration Release was delivered in August 2014. It incorporates TSO–C129 GPS RAIM predictions satisfying the operational requirement to check the availability of GPS RAIM for flights where TSO–C129 equipment will be used to satisfy the RNAV requirement per AC 90–100A, Paragraph 10(5)). That release established the baseline for the RAIM prediction system in the FAA inventory and allowed users to migrate from RAIMPrediction.net, which is now deprecated.

This latest enhancement release includes the following features:

- Provides the FAA with the ability to define different NIC and NACp requirements for a defined airspace.

- Availability of alternate surveillance sources such as Secondary Surveillance Radar (SSR) and Wide Area Multilateration (WAM).
- An improved web form response that highlights results at each waypoint with a traffic light graphic and includes alerts for planned potential GPS Jamming & Interference.
- An interface with the SBS compliance monitor.

Future releases are planned for new hardware; to replace Google Earth™ with a new graphical display technology; and to incorporate any additional requirements required by the FAA.

## 5 LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

The SAPT is a prediction service that is freely available over the Internet. While the system will be available 24/7, operational help and full system-crash recovery will be limited to regular business hours. There is no requirement to track users; i.e., no user names or passwords are required to use the tool.

The pre-flight requests will be limited to a 72-hour prediction window. A prediction for a given flight should be done before the scheduled departure. A prediction may be applied to a flight that does not deviate significantly from the scheduled departure time (i.e.,  $\pm 5$  minutes) or geographically from the predicted route of flight (i.e.,  $\pm 7$  nautical miles (NM) perpendicular to the route of flight).

Operators must ensure that they have the most up-to-date information. Operators are allowed to run more than one prediction with different scheduled departure times before their flight.

If an operator's system exceeds the minimum performance specified in the Final Rule for ADS-B aircraft equipage, the operator may achieve higher availability than predicted by the SAPT. Operators may use an alternative FAA-approved prediction tool to take advantage of this increased availability. Operators and manufacturers are also free to build their own prediction tool based on their needs and requirements.

The SAPT will not be integrated with Flight Service Stations, and its use may constitute an additional step in the pre-flight routine. Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) are issued for a variety of reasons, so the requirement to "check for NOTAMs" will remain.

Users who choose to employ the XML interface, who are designated as "XML users," and those designated as "Automated Users," must develop and implement their own interface into SAPT through the Internet.

The SAPT web form is ADS-B only, and does not make predictions for navigational use because the RNP for ADS-B does not employ the same standard as navigation. RAIM prediction for a route of flight is available in XML format only.

REMINDER: SAPT users who want to use certain position sources for navigation must check for that availability separately.

## 6 SAPT USE

The ADS-B SAPT is primarily intended for use by pilots, dispatchers, and commercial flight operators when they plan flights for which ADS-B is required as a source of the surveillance information that controllers use for any part of the flight.

The SAPT provides surveillance availability for the entire U.S. airspace as defined in the FAA SBS Service Volume Definition Document (SVDD). The SVDD definition of U.S. airspace includes Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Gulf of Mexico.

### 6.1 INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS

The SAPT supports the following desktop browsers:

- Internet Explorer 8 and higher
- Chrome
- Firefox
- Safari

Users must install JavaScript on their computer in order to use the Graphical User Interface (GUI).

The Google Earth™ PlugIn was turned off on December 12, 2015. It may continue to work for a while depending on which browser is used.

*Note: Users will be prompted to install the Google Earth™ PlugIn the first time they generate a prediction.*

### 6.2 INTERFACE TYPES

SAPT has two interface mechanisms, both available over the Internet:

- A GUI built on interactive hypertext markup language (HTML) for users who require information for a few flights.
- A Web service-enabled automated interface (i.e., computer-to-computer) in XML format, for commercial aircraft operators and third-party flight-planning service providers.

### 6.3 REQUIRED INFORMATION

In addition to the standard information required on the FAA flight plan (FAA Form 7233-1 (8-82)), the interactive user interface includes the following fields:

- Navigation Source TSO – this is required information
- ADS-B Link TSO – this is required information
- Mask Angle – the default value is 5.0
- Barometric Aiding – this is required information. Users must indicate if baro aiding is



present or not. If the user does not check the box it means that baro aiding is not present.

The SAPT employs this information to suggest routes.<sup>2</sup>

*Note: Users may contact the manufacturer of their aircraft for detailed information about its avionics.*

### 6.3.1 GPS TSOs

The SAPT supports the following avionics minimum operational performance standards (MOPS):

- C129
- C129 with SA Aware
- C129 with FDE
- C129 with SA Aware & FDE
- C145/146 with WAAS
- C145/146 outside WAAS Coverage
- C196

A TSO–C129 GPS receiver’s availability will not always meet the ADS–B final rule requirement of NIC 7 and NACp 8. This type of receiver includes fault detection (FD) but may not be equipped with fault detection and exclusion (FDE) capability.

If you do not know if the receiver supports FDE, choose C129 without FDE (this is similar to SA Aware).

TSO–C145/146 augmented with WAAS will always provide the required availability as defined by the ADS–B Final Rule. This type of TSO uses FDE; accuracy deviations are corrected with the aid of WAAS ground stations.

When WAAS is unavailable most TSO–C145/146 avionics will use FDE only. In these situations, avionics can detect and exclude satellites from the solution but accuracy deviations are not corrected.

TSO C196 is essentially the same as TSO–C145/146 avionics which employ FDE. TSO–C145/146 without WAAS and TSO–C196 will both provide much higher accuracy and availability than TSO–C129, but could still encounter periods of degraded performance.

You can select one of the following TSOs from the Navigation Source drop-down menu:

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<sup>2</sup> The page uses Asynchronous JavaScript and Xml (AJAX) to send the user’s keystrokes to the Form Support Web Service so that the application can return suggestions to the user. Once the user submits the prediction request, a message below the form will indicate that the request is being processed. Once the matching results are returned, the message will be updated to display them.

- C129
- C129 with SA Aware
- C129 with FDE
- C129 with SA Aware & FDE
- C145/146 with WAAS
- C145/146 outside WAAS Coverage
- C196

Selective Availability (SA) adds error to a GPS solution, thus degrading its accuracy. If avionics equipment has SA set to “ON” (or “unaware”) an error of 33.3 meters is added to the prediction. If avionics are set to SA “OFF” (or “aware”) the error is not added to the prediction. The SAPT only supports the addition of the error for TSO–C129 avionics.

### **6.3.2 Mask Angle**

The GPS mask angle is the angle from the horizon that the receiver uses to eliminate potential satellites from the solution. Users may select values between 0 and 5 degrees using half-degree increments from the Mask Angle drop-down menu.

### **6.3.3 Barometric Aiding**

Barometric Aiding (BA), or barometric altimeter, gives an additional altitude source which helps reduce the error when it is used in conjunction with GPS. It approximates the addition of a satellite in the view. SAPT users may check the BA box on the Flight Plan Form if their associated avionics includes barometric aiding.

Note that RAIM availability demands that a minimum number of satellites be received. Barometric aiding reduces this number by one.

## 6.4 PREDICTION WINDOW

The Satellite Service Level Prediction Model (SSLPM) enables SAPT to calculate the level of service that can be expected for a given time, including three-dimensional aircraft location (latitude, longitude and altitude) and the expected status of the GPS satellite constellation.

REMINDER: The predictions for the outages shown on the graphical display are generated differently from the predictions for individual flights.

### 6.4.1 Prediction for the XML and Flight Form Interface

Through the SSLPM, the SAPT implements several GPS accuracy and integrity prediction algorithms, as specified in the FAA TSOs listed in [Section 6.3.1](#) of this guide.

The available satellite constellation is modeled every 24 hours or upon a change to the status of any of the satellites. The model projects the position of each available GPS satellite every minute for 72 hours into the future.

The SSLPM algorithm employs all satellites in view without requiring the user to specify the number of satellites that should be tracked.

The prediction for an individual route of flight is calculated in real time for each waypoint in the route of flight based on the pre-computed constellation.

### 6.4.2 Prediction for the Graphical Display

The graphical display is represented in an interactive map and can be generated from the Flight Plan Form to display a summary of outages over a six-hour period.

Data on the graphical display are calculated in advance for a configurable length of time and frequency for TSOs C129 and C196 and for mask angles 2.0 and 5.0.

*Note: RAIM users should consult sections 9 and 10 of this guide for more information.*

While the graphical display is loading, it will report the total number of outages and the degree of resolution. By default the graphical display will show outages for the continental United States (CONUS) at a low resolution.

Users can select a smaller specific region from the View Outages for Area drop-down menu, or they can employ the features of the interactive map to navigate to a particular region, and then display outages for that region at a higher resolution. The areas within which outages are searched are highlighted within a box. While the graphical display recalculates its position it reports zero (“0”) outages.

REMINDER: Outages are only predicted within the airspace defined in the FAA SBS SVDD. An area outside this airspace may be highlighted but no outages will be shown.

## 6.5 SAPT ALGORITHM

For each point along the route a maximum Horizontal Protection Limit (HPL) is calculated based on a 33-point grid. The grid scheme is illustrated in Figure 6–1. The grid scheme evaluates 33 points and applies the maximum HPL to the requested point on the route at the associated Estimated Time Over (ETO).

The grid is based on  $\pm 5$  minutes and  $\pm 7.5$  NM to project an aircraft's possible location in both space and time.

*Note: This projection accounts for only five minutes of variation in the departure time or other sources of uncertainty about the aircraft's actual location compared to the operator's plans.*

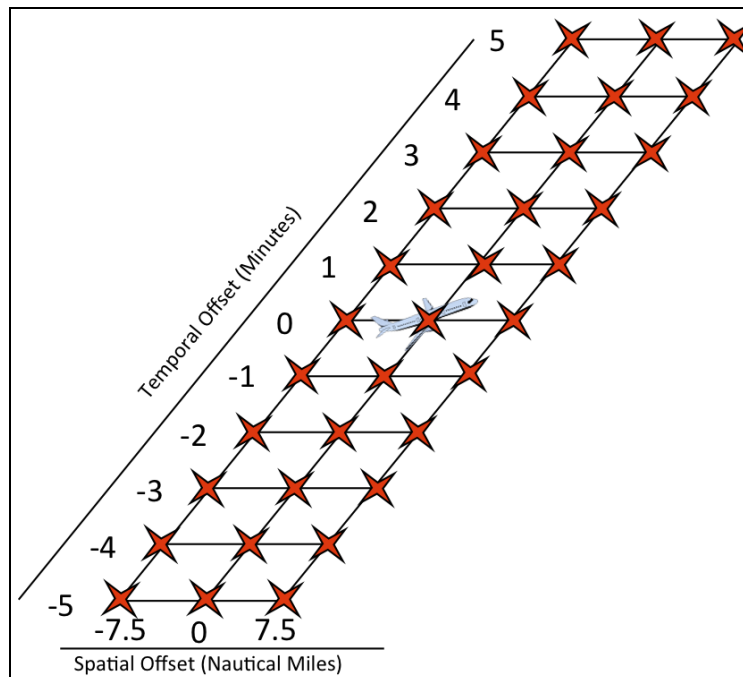
*Users may wish to submit additional requests for predictions with different departure times to account for variations in departure times and in estimated times over later waypoints.*

Once an HPL has been calculated it is transformed into NIC and NACp values and is compared to the threshold for ADS–B sufficiency.

*Note: For further information please refer to Section 7.8.1.1. Sufficiency.*

The Horizontal Figure of Merit (HFOM) is calculated and the result converted into the NACp for TSO–C129, TSO–C196 and TSO–C145/146 outside WAAS coverage. For TSO–C145/146 w/ WAAS the horizontal confidence bounds are scaled to the containment radius.

*Note: This figure applies to ADS–B predictions only. RAIM users should refer to Sections [9](#) and [10](#) in this guide for more information.*



**Figure 6–1: ADS–B SAPT 33-Point Algorithm**

The SSLPM evaluates ADS-B predictions based on the following configurations, using one-minute GPS constellation intervals, and taking the maximum HPL of the 33 sample points:

- TSO-C145/146 with WAAS:
  - Time-window limits: -5 to +5 minutes
  - Position offsets: -7.5 to +7.5 NM
  - Scale the maximum HPL of the 33 sample points to approximate an HFOM
- TSO-C145/146 outside WAAS coverage:
  - Time window limits: -5 to +5 minutes
  - Position offsets: -7.5 to +7.5 NM
  - Take the maximum HFOM of the 33 sample points
- TSO-C129, with and without SA Awareness and/or FDE capabilities, and TSO-C196:
  - Time window limits: -5 to +5 minutes
  - Position offsets: -7.5 to +7.5 NM
  - Take the maximum HFOM of the 33 sample points

## 6.6 BACKUP SURVEILLANCE COVERAGE

The SAPT maintains a composite coverage profile of backup surveillance (from SSR and WAM stations) in the form of a grid of five (5) NM by five (5) NM squares. Each square has an associated indexing key to determine available coverage above that area based on altitude.

If a waypoint does not meet the rule performance requirements, SAPT will check to see if it is covered by backup surveillance. If backup is available, an XML transaction will set 'backupCoverage = true,' and a waypoint on the Flight Plan Form web response will show a yellow traffic light and the text: "Backup Only".

## 6.7 RAIM SUFFICIENCY

RAIM users submit XML, which supplies the required HAL.

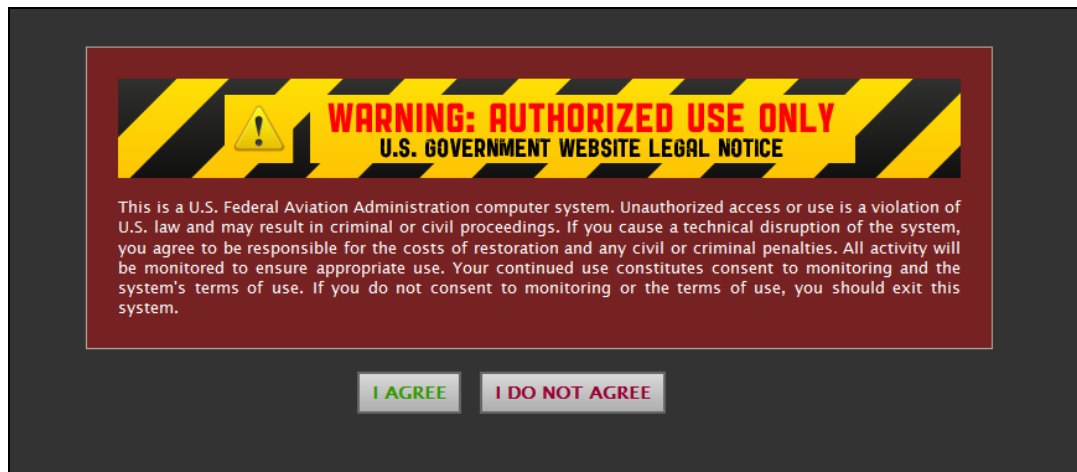
RAIM users can ensure compliance without identifying the required HAL at each point by submitting the request with the most stringent required value, i.e., 1852 meters (one nautical mile, which is required for Terminal airspace), throughout the route of flight.

# 7 INTERACTIVE GUI

The SAPT and RAIM Prediction Tool can be accessed from <http://sapt.faa.gov> or from <http://www.sapt.faa.gov>.

Users must accept the warning message, depicted in Figure 7-1, in order to proceed to the SAPT site.

A user who clicks **I DO NOT AGREE** will not be able to access the site.



**Figure 7–1: SAPT Warning Page**

## **7.1 ADS–B HOME PAGE**

The main page of the website, shown in Figure 7–2, offers users the three primary selections:

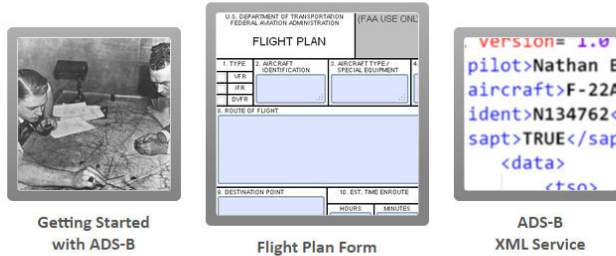
*Note: You must scroll down the screen to display the full web page that is illustrated here. The footer that is on every ADS–B SAPT web page has been omitted from this screenshot.*

- ADS–B Service Availability Prediction Tool
- RAIM Prediction Tool
- RAIM Summary Pages



## ADS-B Prediction Tool

Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast (ADS-B)  
Service Availability Prediction Tool (SAPT)



Outage Summaries may not be available

Avionics	Outages
TSO-C129, no baro aiding, mask angle 5.0 ▾	<a href="#">Click to View</a>

## RAIM Prediction Tool

Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring (RAIM)  
Service Availability Prediction Tool (SAPT)



Grid Display Tool

Airspace	Baro-Aiding	Outages
En Route ▾	On ▾	<a href="#">Click to View</a>

## RAIM Summary Pages

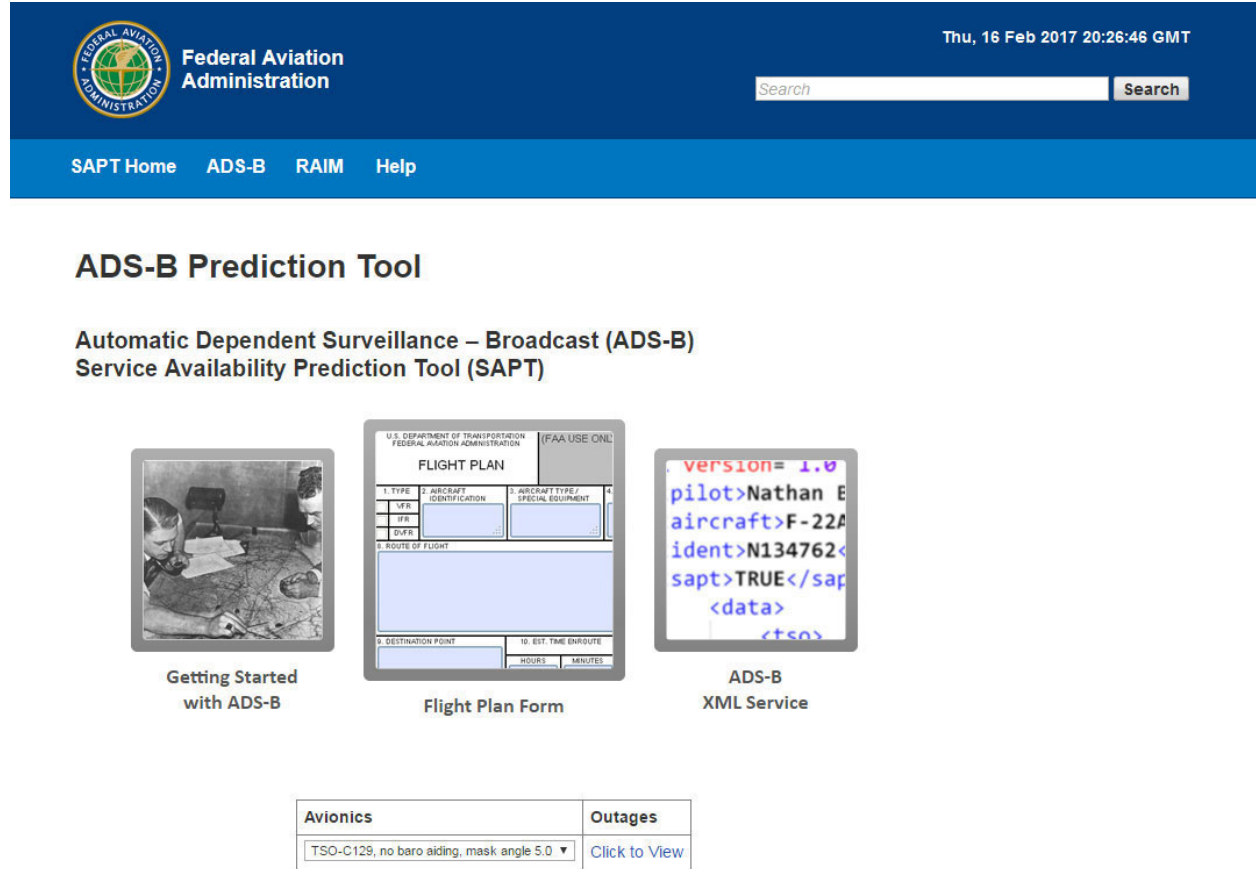
Phase-of-flight	With Baro-Aiding	Without Baro-Aiding
En Route		
Terminal		
NPA		

Click on an image to view

Figure 7–2: SAPT Main Page

### 7.1.1 Service Availability Prediction Tool

The Service Availability Prediction Tool is displayed at the top of the home page:



**Figure 7–3: ADS–B Home Page — SAPT Section**

You have three options if you want to use the SAPT:

- Getting Started with ADS–B
- Flight Plan Form
- ADS–B XML Service

The selectors and links to view outages on the large area display are shown below the three primary selections.



**Outage Summaries available for 2017/02/21 09:23 - 2017/02/24 07:23 UTC**

Avionics	Outages
TSO-C129, no baro aiding, mask angle 2.0 ▼	<a href="#">Click to View</a>
TSO-C129, no baro aiding, mask angle 5.0	
TSO-C129, no baro aiding, mask angle 2.0	
TSO-C129, baro aiding, mask angle 5.0	
TSO-C129, baro aiding, mask angle 2.0	
TSO-C196, no baro aiding, mask angle 5.0	
TSO-C196, no baro aiding, mask angle 2.0	

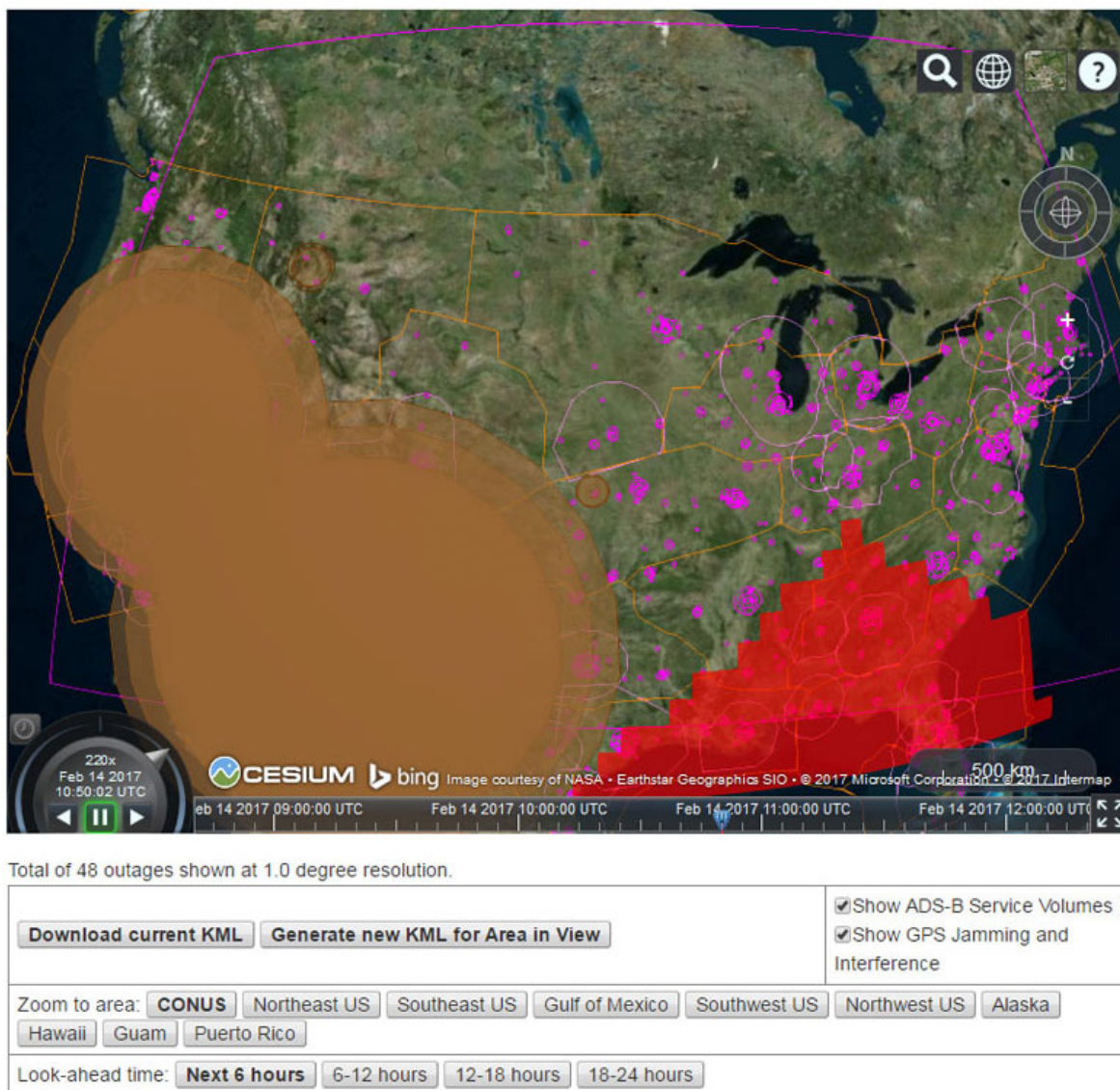
**Figure 7–4: ADS–B Home Page — Outage Summary**

Press [Click to View](#) to display the map for the avionics you selected from the drop-down list.

*Note: It takes a few moments for the map to load and develop.*

Displaying TSO-C129, no barometric aiding, RAIM NPA airspace, Selective Availability ON, mask angle: 5.0°

\* Outage Summaries available for 2017/02/13 09:25 - 2017/02/16 07:25 UTC



**Figure 7-5: SAPT Graphical Display With Outages**

The “Getting Started” section of the home page introduces the SAPT and links users to the user guide, which informs them of how to make a flight prediction.

The “Flight Plan Form” is where users can request predictions for actual flight plans. The page presents a standard FAA Flight Plan Form, which has been modified for SAPT use. All of the active fields require the user to enter relevant data. The user may save and load field information as well.

The “XML Service” section provides information on how to use the XML interface. A user who wants to employ the XML interface must download the Web Service Description Language (WSDL) file. Please refer to section 8.1 WSDL for details on downloading the WSDL. This file outlines the required fields and their structures for the XML interface.

The following sections of this document describe the SAPT in detail.

## 7.2 GETTING STARTED WITH ADS-B SAPT

The Getting Started page provides a summary introduction to the SAPT and explains what users can accomplish in the Web pages. It also lays out the limitations of the tool:

**Federal Aviation Administration** Thu, 16 Feb 2017 20:26:46 GMT

Search Search

SAPT Home ADS-B RAIM Help

### Getting Started with ADS-B SAPT

**A quick guide to using the ADS-B prediction service**

Welcome to the graphical web interface for the **Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) Service Availability Prediction Tool (SAPT)**.

This website offers an interactive flight planning form that provides predictions of ADS-B sufficiency for specific flight times and equipment configurations. We tried to make this form simple and intuitive to use; you may find that you can jump right in and start performing predictions without having to read too much documentation. It also supports an XML-based web service for automated checking of ADS-B sufficiency by flight planning software. To read about the XML service please see our [ADS-B XML help page](#).

A quick legal note: this system is for flight informational purposes only. Submissions to this system do not generate formal flight plans.

We encourage users to download the [User Guide \[pdf\]](#) (4.6MB) to become familiar with the SAPT site and features.

**User Feedback**

Users are encouraged to submit feedback about the operation of the system, using the [feedback form](#).

Items of particular interest are:

- Usability
- Latency
- Issues
- Errors
- Suggestions

**Figure 7–6: Getting Started with ADS–B SAPT Page**

Users who are interested in the XML service can access it from the link on this page as well as directly from the home page.

Users may download this user guide in a .pdf file from the SAPT/RAIM web site if they wish.

*Note: Users must have Adobe Reader installed on their work-station in order to download the user guide.*

Users may submit any questions or comments to the development team.

### 7.2.1 User Feedback

Users are encouraged to submit feedback about the operation of the ADS-B SAPT or RAIM portions of the application, either using the feedback form found at <https://enroutesupport.faa.gov/sapt/feedback.aspx>.

Items of particular interest to the development team include:

- Usability
- Latency
- Issues
- Errors
- Suggestions

To submit a question or suggestion, please click the feedback form link on the [Getting Started with ADS-B](#) or [Getting Started with RAIM](#) pages (scroll to the middle of the page to see this section, which is illustrated and discussed in [section 9 of this document](#)) in order to open the form, which is shown below:

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Questions? Comments?". At the top is a blue button labeled "Cancel Feedback". Below the title, a paragraph of text encourages users to send comments, suggestions, or questions, providing the email address <SAPThe1pdesk@faa.gov> and stating that a response will be provided if an email address is entered. The form itself is titled "Please fill out as much information as possible." and contains the following fields: "Subject:" with a text input box; "Feedback Type:" with a dropdown menu currently showing "Website functionality"; "Message:" with a large text area; "Your Name:" with a text input box; "Organization:" with a text input box; and "Email:" with a text input box. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Send" and "Clear".

**Figure 7–7: Feedback Form**

Please specify the subject of your feedback, enter your question or comment, and add your name and email address so you can receive an answer to your message.

Click **SUBMIT FEEDBACK** to deliver your message or click **CANCEL FEEDBACK** if you change your mind. You can also click the Cancel Feedback link in the header.

## 7.3 SAPT HEADER

The home page and flight plan form display headers and footers, which are described in the following sections. The ADS-B SAPT header is illustrated below:



**Figure 7–8: SAPT Header**

### 7.3.1 Header Layout

The header provides direct paths to other information and sites:

- The FAA logo is in the top left corner.
- The current day and time are shown in the top right corner.
- Beneath the date and time is the search text box.
- Along the banner are menus to open sections of the Web site.
  - On the home page, these menus are ADS-B, RAIM and Help.
  - On the Flight Plan Form page the menus are ADS-B, RAIM, Save & Load and Help.

Click the menu item of interest to open that page.

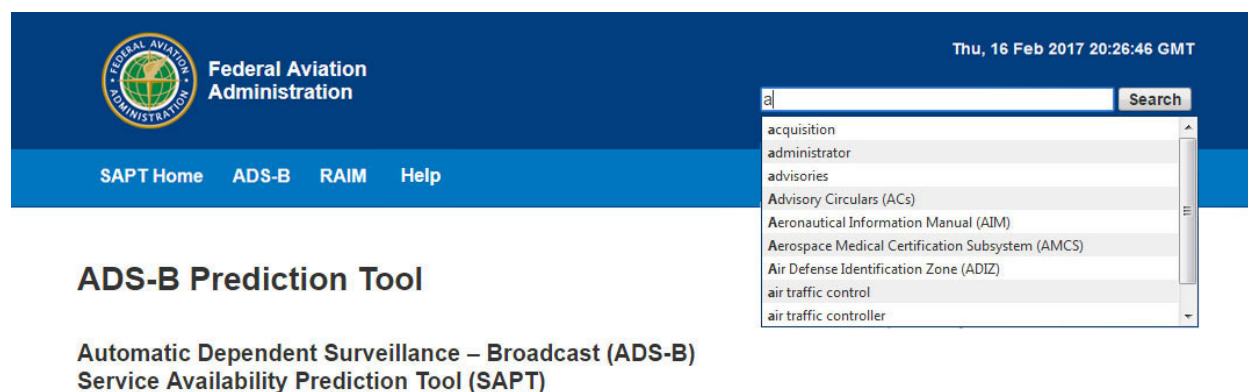
### 7.3.2 Search Feature

When you start typing in the Search field to query the official FAA site the application will suggest results that include the letters you have entered.

The more characters you enter the fewer matches will be retrieved, as illustrated below in Figures 7–9 and 7–10:

In this example, the user only entered one character in the search box:





**Figure 7–9: SAPT Search Text-box (Single Character)**

By adding more characters this user targeted the subject of interest more closely:



**Figure 7–10: SAPT Search Text-box (Full Word)**

### 7.3.3 FAA Logo

Click the FAA logo in the top left corner to open the FAA government site.

### 7.3.4 ADS–B Menus

The menus and sub-menus on the banner at the top of each page are illustrated below. To open a particular page, hold your cursor over a menu to display its sub-menus and click the item of interest.

The ADS–B menu on the Home page, Flight Plan Form, and XML Service pages lists the pages within that specific portion of the Web site.

- Step 1: Hold your cursor over the menu and click the page name in order to navigate directly to it:

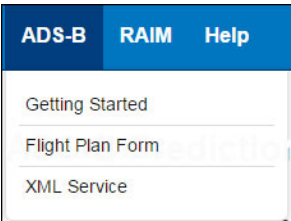


Figure 7–11: ADS–B Menu

- Step 2: On the Flight Plan Form, hold your cursor over the ‘Save & Load’ menu to display the options:

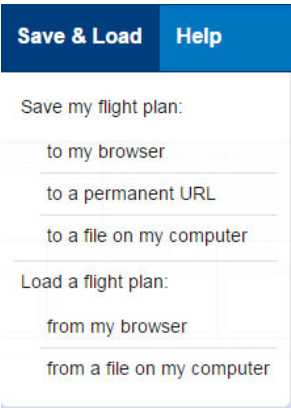


Figure 7–12: Save & Load Menu

Saving or importing pre-filled flight plan forms can be done in multiple ways. When you hold your cursor over the ‘Save my flight plan’ option, illustrated below, the three available methods are shown on the right in a separate menu:

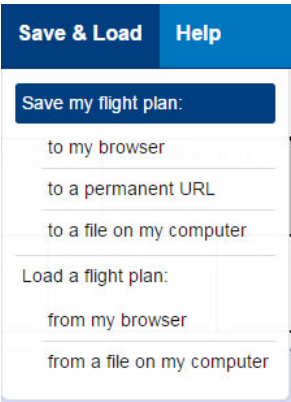
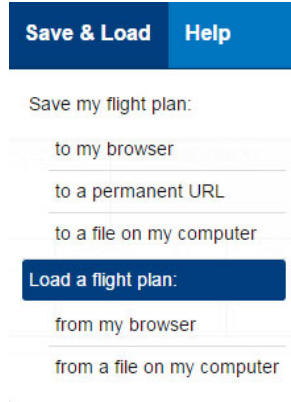


Figure 7–13: Save My Flight Plan Sub-menu

- Step 1: Click the option that suits you and save the flight plan form as defined in section 7.7.1 of this document.
  - To my browser

- To a permanent URL
- To a file on my computer
- Step 2: To load a flight plan that you saved, hold your cursor over the ‘Load a flight plan’ option to display the two methods, as shown here:

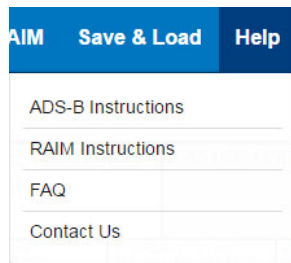


**Figure 7–14: Load A Flight Plan Sub-menu**

- Step 3: Click the option that suits you and import the saved flight plan form as defined in [section 7.7.2](#) of the user guide.

*Note: You will import the flight plan form from wherever you saved it – either in a browser or in a file on your computer.*

If you need to consult the help file, hold your cursor over the Help menu item to display sub-menu items and pick the one you want to see:



**Figure 7–15: Help Menu**

The ADS–B Instructions link opens the Getting Started with ADS–B page.

The RAIM Instructions link opens the Getting Started with RAIM SAPT page.

The Contact Us option leads to the Feedback form, which is discussed in [section 7.2.1](#)., above.



## 7.4 SAPT FOOTER

The SAPT footer contains links to official government sites as well as information about Web policies and a way to contact the SAPT/RAIM developers.

The footer is illustrated here:

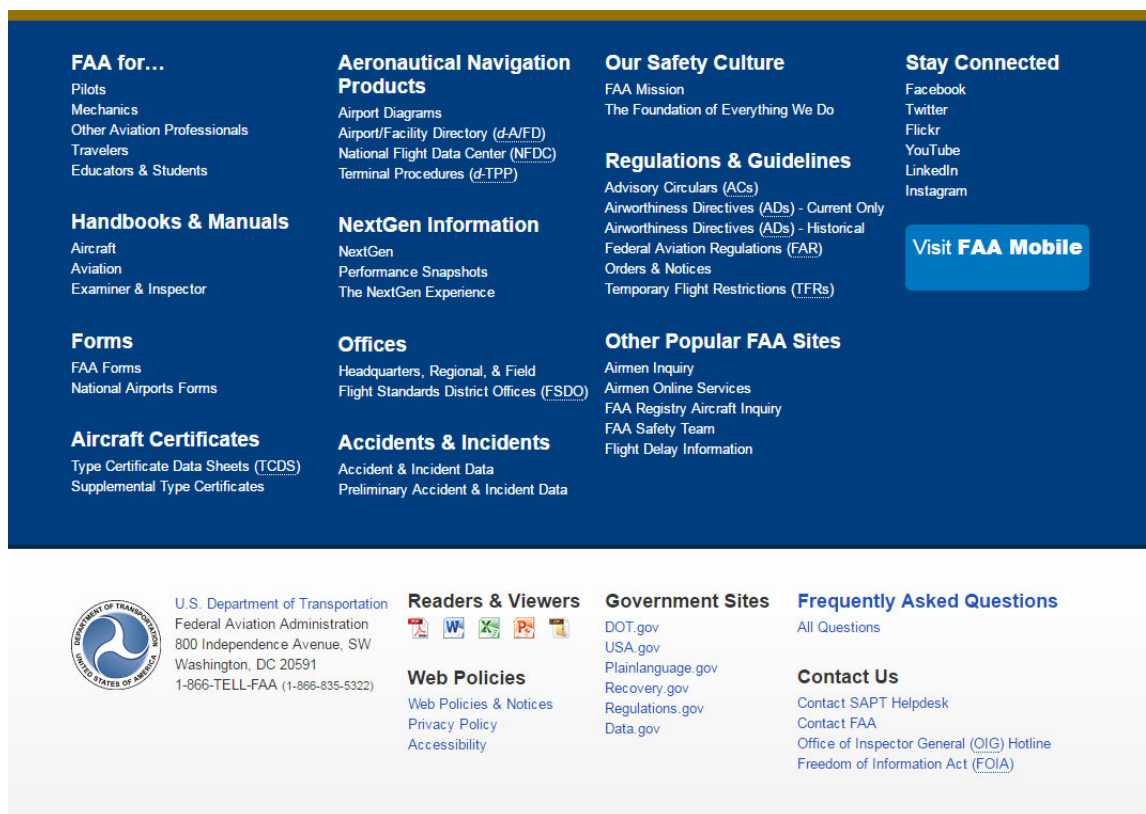


Figure 7–16: SAPT Footer

## 7.5 DELETED


Figure 7–17: Deleted

## 7.6 FLIGHT PLAN FORM

The SAPT-modified FAA Flight Plan Form allows you to make an interactive flight prediction.

Required text-boxes have blue borders. To see what information is required in each field click anywhere in the field to display a tool tip. Enter all of the required information and press **CHECK AVAILABILITY** to submit your request.

To clear the fields, press **CLEAR ALL** and then click **OK** on the pop-up confirmation window. The form is shown in Figure 7–18: Flight Plan Form.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION			(FAA USE ONLY)		TIME STARTED		SPECIALIST INITIALS		
FLIGHT PLAN									
1. TYPE		2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION		3. AIRCRAFT TYPE / SPECIAL EQUIPMENT		4. TRUE AIRSPEED		5. DEPARTURE POINT	
<input type="checkbox"/> VFR <input type="checkbox"/> IFR <input type="checkbox"/> DVFR						KTS			
					6. DEPARTURE TIME		7. CRUISING ALTITUDE		
					PROPOSED (Z)		ACTUAL (Z)		
8. ROUTE OF FLIGHT									
9. DESTINATION POINT			10. EST. TIME ENROUTE		11. REMARKS				
			HOURS MINUTES		(choose an option) Navigation Source TSO <input type="checkbox"/> Baro-Aiding equipment installed (choose an option) ADS-B Link TSO 5.0 Mask Angle				
12. FUEL ON BOARD			13. ALTERNATE ROUTES		14. PILOT'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER & AIRCRAFT HOME BASE				
HOURS MINUTES									
					15. NUMBER ABOARD				
16. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT			CIVIL AIRCRAFT PILOTS: FAR Part 91 requires you file an IFR flight plan to operate under instrument flight rules in controlled airspace. Failure to file could result in a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation (Section 901 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended). Filing of a VFR flight plan is recommended as a good operating practice. See also Part 99 for requirements concerning DVFR flight plans.						
<div>  <div>Clear All</div> <div>Check Availability</div> </div>									

**Figure 7–18: Flight Plan Form**

### 7.6.1 Required Fields

A prediction will not be accepted and submitted unless all of the required fields are populated. If a text field is blank or if the entry is invalid, the relevant field border will turn red and/or an error message will be displayed to alert you to fix that entry.

*Note: Fields that are grayed out do not need to be completed.*

REMINDER: You can display a field description by placing their cursor in the field.

defines the user-entered fields on the Flight Plan Form page:

**Table 7–1: Required SAPT Fields**

Field	Description	Units	Example of Field Value
Aircraft Identification	Flight ID of the aircraft that will be flown.	None	UPS1234
Aircraft Type / Special Equipment	The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) identifier for the type of aircraft that will be flown.	None	C172 sml, med, lrg <i>Note: Aircraft Type/Special Equipment is case insensitive.</i>

**Table 7–1: Required SAPT Fields**

Field	Description	Units	Example of Field Value
	<i>Note: Small, Medium and Large aircraft types are supported in the enhancement release.</i>		
True Airspeed	The aircraft's cruising speed. <i>Note: This value is currently not used in the final prediction calculation.</i>	Knots	110
Departure Point	This is either the four-character ICAO identifier for the departure airport OR the latitude and longitude (in square brackets) for airports outside the supported area.	Decimal latitude, decimal longitude	KBOS or [43.3389,-79.6194] Latitude/longitude pairs should be in the form "[42.3630,-71.0064]" where latitude and longitude are in decimal degrees. <i>Note: There are no spaces in the latitude/longitude string.</i>
Departure Time Proposed (Z)	The time within the next 24 hours that the aircraft is expected to depart.	Zulu 24-hour notation	1800
Cruising Altitude	The expected cruising flight level.	Flight Level (FL)	This value must be between 10 and 510, e.g., 200 (20,000).
Route of Flight	The anticipated route of flight from departure to arrival.	See example.	Enter waypoints, routes, or standard departure or arrival procedures. <u>Waypoints</u> may be specified by name (e.g., "BOSOX"), by radial (e.g., "IGN265"), or by latitude/longitude pairs in the correct form (e.g., "[42.3630,-71.0064]") <i>Note: See Departure Point for more information.</i> Waypoints should be separated by spaces; the form will automatically replace the spaces with an ellipsis (...). <u>Routes</u> must follow, and be followed by, a named waypoint on the route, e.g., "NEWES...J225...PVD". The system will automatically add the points along the route between the start and end points ("J225" automatically added between NEWES, the start point, and PVD,

**Table 7–1: Required SAPT Fields**

Field	Description	Units	Example of Field Value
			<p>the end point, in the example). <u>Standard Procedures</u> (Standard Instrument Departures (SIDs)/Standard Terminal Arrivals (STARs)) should be specified with their fully-qualified name, if the user intends to join the procedure (e.g., “ORW3.JFK”), or simply with the SID (e.g., “ORW3”), if the user wants the system to determine the join point. The system will automatically add the waypoints along the procedure.</p> <p><i>Note: If you are flying from one airport to another, simply press the space bar. This field cannot be blank</i></p>
Destination Point	This is either the four-character ICAO identifier for the destination airport OR the latitude and longitude (in square brackets) for airports outside the supported area.	None	<p>KJFK or [43.3389,-79.6194]</p> <p><i>Note: See Departure Point for more information.</i></p>
Estimated Time En Route Hours / Minutes	The length of the flight from departure to destination.	Hour and minutes	<p>01 45</p> <p><i>Note: The user must account for wind and other weather factors in this calculation.</i></p>
Navigation Source TSO	The TSO number corresponding to the aircraft’s GPS navigation source.	None	<p>C129</p> <p><i>Note: For results to be valid, this entry must accurately reflect the aircraft equipage.</i></p>
ADS–B Link TSO	The TSO number corresponding to the aircraft’s ADS–B transponder	None	<p>260B</p> <p><i>Note: This entry currently is not used in the prediction.</i></p>
Mask Angle	<p>The mask angle (minimum elevation below which satellite signals will not be used) employed by the aircraft’s GPS equipment.</p> <p>The range is 0 to 5.0 in half-degree increments.</p>	Degree	<p>5.0</p> <p><i>Note: If unsure, the user should set this value to 5.0.</i></p>
Baro-Aiding equipment installed	Barometric aiding equipment, if installed, augments the GPS by using a non-satellite input	None	<p>Check the box or remove the checkmark to indicate if baro aiding is present.</p>

**Table 7–1: Required SAPT Fields**

Field	Description	Units	Example of Field Value
	for altitude.		<i>Note: This box should be checked only if the user is certain that barometric aiding equipment is installed in the aircraft.</i>

Click **CLEAR ALL** to erase your entries or click **CHECK AVAILABILITY** to generate a prediction.

REMINDER: If you neglect to enter required information the system will display an error message, such as the following, for each incorrect data-point, which is identified by name (e.g., in this illustration the user forgot to specify a Navigation Source TSO):

The image shows a screenshot of the FAA Flight Plan Form (FAA USE ONLY). The form is titled "FLIGHT PLAN" and includes fields for aircraft identification, type, speed, departure point, time, and destination. An error message box is overlaid on the form, stating: "Message from webpage: Please select a 'Navigation Source TSO' before submitting". The error message box has a yellow warning icon and an "OK" button. The form fields include:

- 1. TYPE: ☐ VFR, ☐ IFR, ☐ DVFR
- 2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION: xxv32
- 3. AIRCRAFT TYPE / SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: dc1-
- 4. TRUE AIRSPEED: 300 KTS
- 5. DEPARTURE POINT: kbo
- 6. DEPARTURE TIME: PROPOSED (Z) 0630, ACTUAL (Z)
- 7. CRUISING ALTITUDE: 250
- 8. ROUTE OF FLIGHT: PATTS...CMK...175...nat
- 9. DESTINATION POINT: KBWI
- 10. E: 00, 45
- 11. ADS-B Link TSO: 260B
- 12. FUEL ON BOARD: 5.0
- 13. ALTERNATE ROUTES
- 14. PILOT'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER & AIRCRAFT HOME BASE
- 15. NUMBER ABOARD
- 17. DESTINATION CONTACT/TELEPHONE (OPTIONAL)

**Figure 7–19: Flight Plan Form with Errors: Example**

In this example (illustrated on the next page) the SAPT could not parse the waypoints which the user chose:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION			(FAA USE ONLY)		TIME STARTED		SPECIALIST INITIALS		
FLIGHT PLAN									
1. TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> VFR <input type="checkbox"/> IFR <input type="checkbox"/> DVFR		2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION <b>xxv32</b>		3. AIRCRAFT TYPE / SPECIAL EQUIPMENT <b>dc1-</b>		4. TRUE AIRSPEED <b>300</b> KTS		5. DEPARTURE POINT <b>KBOS</b>	
						6. DEPARTURE TIME PROPOSED (Z) <b>0630</b> ACTUAL (Z)		7. CRUISING ALTITUDE <b>250</b>	
8. ROUTE OF FLIGHT <b>PATTS...CMK...175...</b>									
9. DESTINATION POINT <b>KBWI</b>			10. EST. TIME ENROUTE HOURS <b>01</b> MINUTES <b>30</b>		11. REMARKS C129 with FDE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Navigation Source TSO <input type="checkbox"/> Baro-Aiding equipment installed 260B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADS-B Link TSO 5.0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mask Angle				
12. FUEL ON BOARD HOURS MINUTES		13. ALTERNATE ROUTES			14. PILOT'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER & AIRCRAFT HOME BASE			15. NUMBER ABOARD	
					17. DESTINATION CONTACT/TELEPHONE (OPTIONAL)				
16. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT		CIVIL AIRCRAFT PILOTS. FAR Part 91 requires you file an IFR flight plan to operate under instrument flight rules in controlled airspace. Failure to file could result in a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation (Section 901 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended). Filing of a VFR flight plan is recommended as a good operating practice. See also Part 99 for requirements concerning DVFR flight plans.							

There was a problem parsing the waypoints! Waypoint 2: 175 is not a recognized Waypoint, SID, or STAR. Note: SIDs and STARs will default to ALL, the common route with no runway transitions. If there is no associated common route, a SID or STAR will not be recognized without a transition specified, e.g. NOBLY4.LIT

Figure 7–20: Flight Plan Form with Errors: Example

The SAPT does not return a prediction until the form is correctly filled in. When the flight plan is correctly filled in, the system displays the prediction beneath the form, as shown in Figure 7–21.





A transaction number and the date and time when the prediction was completed are shown at the top of the notification box. The transaction number is a unique identifier to facilitate a reference to the request and provides proof that a prediction was run for that flight.

**Transaction #: 80047**

**Prediction Time: 2017:02:14 13:58:33 (Z)**

**Departure Time: 2017:02:15 10:00 (Z)**

*Try again with your departure time offset by 15 minutes.*

Name	Latitude	Longitude	ETO(Z)	NIC	NAC <sub>p</sub>	Airspace	Sufficient?
KBWI	39.1757	-76.6690	10:00	6	8	Terminal	 Backup Only
@21.70NM	39.1308	-76.2071	10:05	7	8	Terminal	 Yes
SPEAK	39.0581	-75.7461	10:10	7	8	Terminal	 Yes
DONIL	39.0765	-75.3053	10:14	8	8	En Route	 Yes
ACY	39.4559	-74.5763	10:24	7	8	En Route	 Yes
PANZE	39.6760	-74.1682	10:29	7	8	Terminal	 Yes
CAMRN	40.0173	-73.8611	10:35	7	8	Terminal	 Yes
KJFK	40.6399	-73.7787	10:44	7	8	Terminal	 Yes

[View in Interactive Map](#)

*Notes: Try again with your departure time offset by 15 minutes.*

**Figure 7–21: Flight Plan Form with Prediction**

### 7.6.2 Field-Entry Help and Suggestions

When you place your cursor in a field, the Flight Plan Form will provide information on that field in a black floating tip box. The tip includes information such as required format and character limits.

The tip boxes for the Departure Point, Route of Flight, and Destination Point fields offer suggestions to populate these fields based on the leading characters you enter. The tip box appears at the point where you stopped typing. You may type in the desired value or accept the suggestion that matches your desired selection from a drop-down list.

A tip box for the Route of Flight text-box is depicted below:







## 7.7 SAVING AND LOADING A FLIGHT PLAN FORM

You may save and load entries on the Flight Plan Form for later use.

This feature allows users who use the same aircraft or route to save information which they can recall in the future, thereby saving time in the pre-flight planning process.

### 7.7.1 Saving a Flight Plan Form

You can save populated fields in the Flight Plan Form to a browser, to a uniform resource locator (URL), or to a computer file, as shown in Figure 7–24: Flight Plan Saving Options:

The screenshot displays the 'U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FLIGHT PLAN' form. A blue navigation bar at the top contains links: 'SAPT Home', 'ADS-B', 'RAIM', 'Save & Load', and 'Help'. The 'Save & Load' link is active, and a dropdown menu is open, showing options to 'Save my flight plan:' (to my browser, to a permanent URL, to a file on my computer) and 'Load a flight plan:' (from my browser, from a file on my computer). The form itself is divided into several sections: 1. TYPE (VFR, IFR, DVFR), 2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION, 5. DEPARTURE POINT, 6. DEPARTURE TIME (PROPOSED (Z), ACTUAL (Z)), 7. CRUISING ALTITUDE, 8. ROUTE OF FLIGHT, 9. DESTINATION POINT, 10. EST. TIME ENROUTE (HOURS, MINUTES), 11. REMARKS (Navigation Source TSO, ADS-B Link TSO, Mask Angle, Baro-Aiding equipment installed), 12. FUEL ON BOARD (HOURS, MINUTES), 13. ALTERNATE ROUTES, 14. PILOT'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER & AIRCRAFT HOME BASE, 15. NUMBER ABOARD, 16. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT, and 17. DESTINATION CONTACT/TELEPHONE (OPTIONAL). At the bottom, there is a disclaimer about FAR Part 91 requirements and a 'Clear All' button.

**Figure 7–24: Flight Plan Saving Options**

#### 7.7.1.1 Save to My Browser Option

When you select the ‘Save my flight plan’ → ‘to my browser’ option, all of the information is saved to your browser in a cookie. Each time you select this feature, you over-write previously saved field entries. If multiple users save information with the “to my browser” feature on the same computer they risk changing or losing information that was saved earlier by someone else. Also note that the saved information will be lost if you erase the browser cookies.

As depicted in Figure 7–25: Flight Plan Form Saved to a Browser Notification Message, a successful save will be identified at the bottom of the Flight Plan Form by the message, “The form has been saved to your browser.”

SAPT Home   ADS-B   RAIM   Save & Load   Help											
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION				(FAA USE ONLY)				TIME STARTED		SPECIALIST INITIALS	
FLIGHT PLAN											
1. TYPE		2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION		3. AIRCRAFT TYPE / SPECIAL EQUIPMENT		4. TRUE AIRSPEED		5. DEPARTURE POINT		6. DEPARTURE TIME	
<input type="checkbox"/> VFR <input type="checkbox"/> IFR <input type="checkbox"/> DVFR		N51295		C172		110 KTS		KLWM		PROPOSED (Z) 0600 ACTUAL (Z)	
7. CRUISING ALTITUDE 55											
8. ROUTE OF FLIGHT LWM...WITCH...BOSOX...BOS											
9. DESTINATION POINT KBOS				10. EST. TIME ENROUTE		11. REMARKS					
				HOURS 00 MINUTES 45		C129a Navigation Source TSO 282B ADS-B Link TSO 3.0 Mask Angle					
						<input type="checkbox"/> Baro-Aiding equipment installed					
12. FUEL ON BOARD				13. ALTERNATE ROUTES				14. PILOT'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER & AIRCRAFT HOME BASE			
HOURS MINUTES											
								15. NUMBER ABOARD			
								17. DESTINATION CONTACT/TELEPHONE (OPTIONAL)			
16. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT				CIVIL AIRCRAFT PILOTS: FAR Part 91 requires you file an IFR flight plan to operate under instrument flight rules in controlled airspace. Failure to file could result in a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation (Section 901 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended). Filing of a VFR flight plan is recommended as a good operating practice. See also Part 99 for requirements concerning DVFR flight plans.							
The form has been saved to your browser.											
Clear All   Check Availability											

**Figure 7–25: Flight Plan Form Saved to a Browser Notification Message**

#### 7.7.1.2 Save to Uniform Resource Locator (URL) Option

When you save the flight plan to a permanent URL, the field information is saved as an Internet web address that you can copy from the notification box at the bottom of the Flight Plan Form.

*Note: This option is shown in the yellow highlighted area in Figure 7–26: Flight Plan Form Written to a URL Notification Message.*

You can paste the URL into a browser URL entry field and save it to the browser favorites file to use again later. You can also click the link, as identified in the notification box. When you do so you will open the URL, which will enable you to navigate back to the request after reviewing the request in the interactive map by pressing **BACK** on the browser. You can save the URL as a favorite in the browser for quick access to the form:

SAPT Home   ADS-B   RAIM   Save & Load   Help						
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION			(FAA USE ONLY)	TIME STARTED	SPECIALIST INITIALS	
FLIGHT PLAN						
1. TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> VFR <input type="checkbox"/> IFR <input type="checkbox"/> DVFR	2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION <b>N51295</b>	3. AIRCRAFT TYPE / SPECIAL EQUIPMENT <b>C172</b>	4. TRUE AIRSPEED <b>110</b> KTS	5. DEPARTURE POINT <b>KLWM</b>	6. DEPARTURE TIME PROPOSED (Z) <b>0600</b> ACTUAL (Z)	7. CRUISING ALTITUDE <b>55</b>
8. ROUTE OF FLIGHT <b>LWM...WITCH...BOSOX...BOS</b>						
9. DESTINATION POINT <b>KBOS</b>		10. EST. TIME ENROUTE HOURS <b>00</b> MINUTES <b>45</b>		11. REMARKS C129a   Navigation Source TSO 282B   ADS-B Link TSO 3.0   Mask Angle <input type="checkbox"/> Baro-Aiding equipment installed		
12. FUEL ON BOARD HOURS MINUTES		13. ALTERNATE ROUTES		14. PILOT'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER & AIRCRAFT HOME BASE		15. NUMBER ABOARD
				17. DESTINATION CONTACT/TELEPHONE (OPTIONAL)		
16. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT		CIVIL AIRCRAFT PILOTS: FAR Part 91 requires you file an IFR flight plan to operate under instrument flight rules in controlled airspace. Failure to file could result in a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation (Section 901 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended). Filing of a VFR flight plan is recommended as a good operating practice. See also Part 99 for requirements concerning DVFR flight plans.				
<a href="http://172.26.16.178:9805/form.php?two=N51295&amp;three=C172&amp;four=110&amp;five=KLWM&amp;six_pro">http://172.26.16.178:9805/form.php?two=N51295&amp;three=C172&amp;four=110&amp;five=KLWM&amp;six_pro</a>				Clear All   Check Availability		
Your URL has been generated. You can save it by copying the URL in the box above, or navigate to the URL, and then press CTRL-D to bookmark the page.						

Figure 7–26: Flight Plan Form Written to a URL Notification Message

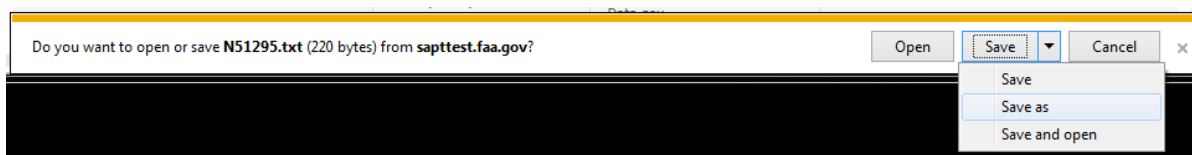
### 7.7.1.3 Save As A Computer File Option

When you save your flight plan ‘to a file on my computer’ the field information is saved to a text file on your computer, as shown in Figure 7–27: Flight Plan Form Saved to a File — Notification Message.

The screenshot shows the 'U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FLIGHT PLAN' form. A blue navigation bar at the top contains 'SAPT Home', 'ADS-B', 'RAIM', 'Save & Load', and 'Help'. The 'Save & Load' dropdown menu is open, displaying two sections: 'Save my flight plan:' with options 'to my browser', 'to a permanent URL', and 'to a file on my computer' (highlighted in blue); and 'Load a flight plan:' with options 'from my browser' and 'from a file on my computer'. The form fields include: 1. TYPE (VFR, IFR, DVFR), 2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION, 3. ROUTE OF FLIGHT, 4. DEPARTURE POINT, 5. DEPARTURE TIME (PROPOSED (Z), ACTUAL (Z)), 6. CRUISING ALTITUDE, 7. DESTINATION POINT, 8. EST. TIME ENROUTE (HOURS, MINUTES), 9. REMARKS (Navigation Source TSO, ADS-B Link TSO, Mask Angle, Baro-Aiding equipment installed), 10. FUEL ON BOARD (HOURS, MINUTES), 11. ALTERNATE ROUTES, 12. PILOT'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER & AIRCRAFT HOME BASE, 13. NUMBER ABOARD, 14. DESTINATION CONTACT/TELEPHONE (OPTIONAL), 15. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT, and 16. CIVIL AIRCRAFT PILOTS. FAR Part 91 requires you file an IFR flight plan to operate under instrument flight rules in controlled airspace. Failure to file could result in a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation (Section 901 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended). Filing of a VFR flight plan is recommended as a good operating practice. See also Part 99 for requirements concerning DVFR flight plans. At the bottom right are 'Clear All' and 'Check Availability' buttons.

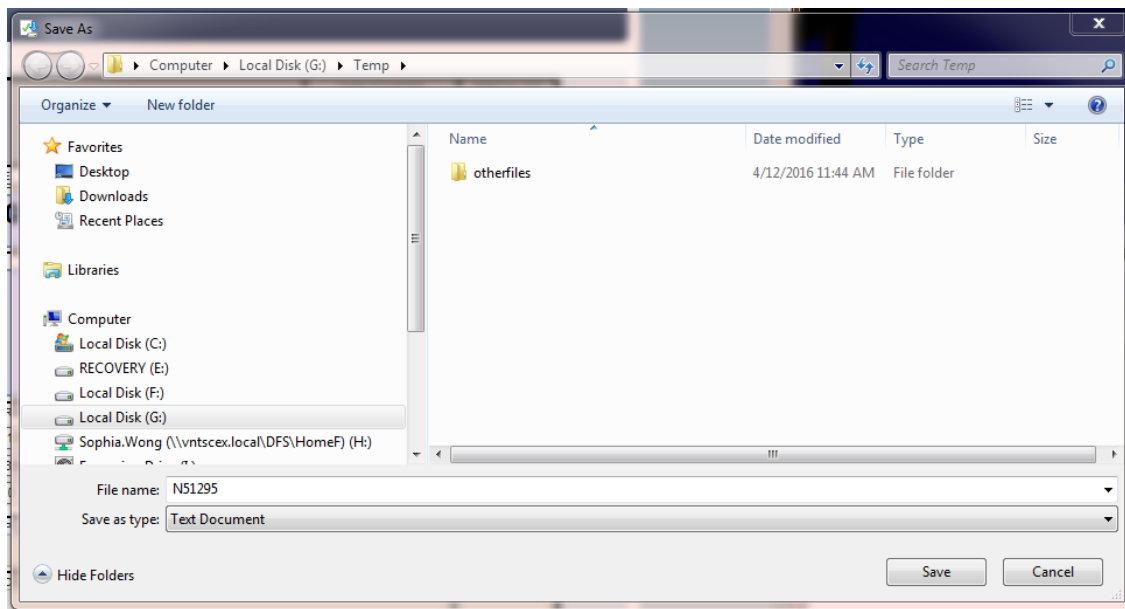
**Figure 7–27: Flight Plan Form Saved to a File — Notification Message**

- This action will open a new browser page, shown in Figure 7–28: Flight Plan Form Saved to a Computer File — File Download Box, with a pop-up message asking, “Do you want to open or save this file?”



**Figure 7–28: Flight Plan Form Saved to a Computer File — File Download Box**

- When you click **SAVE**, the browser will either save the plan to the default download folder or open a Save As pop-up window that prompts you to pick a location and file name for the information, as displayed in Figure 7–29: Flight Plan Form Saved to a Computer File — Save As Box.



**Figure 7–29: Flight Plan Form Saved to a Computer File — Save As Box**

Enter that information and then click **SAVE**.

### 7.7.2 Loading Saved Data

You can load previously saved field information in three ways:

- From your browser favorites
- From browser cookies
- From a file

If you employ a browser favorite you must remember its name and select the correct entry. This action can be performed without first navigating to the Flight Plan Form.

In the two other loading options, which are displayed in Figure 7–30: Flight Plan Form Loading Options, you must open the Flight Plan Form.

The screenshot shows the 'FLIGHT PLAN' form from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration. A dropdown menu is open from the 'Save & Load' button, showing options to save or load a flight plan. The form includes fields for flight type, aircraft identification, departure point, time, altitude, destination, enroute time, remarks, fuel, alternate routes, pilot information, and aircraft color. A notification at the bottom states: 'CIVIL AIRCRAFT PILOTS. FAR Part 91 requires you file an IFR flight plan to operate under instrument flight rules in controlled airspace. Failure to file could result in a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation (Section 901 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended). Filing of a VFR flight plan is recommended as a good operating practice. See also Part 99 for requirements concerning DVFR flight plans.'

**Save my flight plan:**

- to my browser
- to a permanent URL
- to a file on my computer

**Load a flight plan:**

- from my browser
- from a file on my computer

**FLIGHT PLAN**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

1. TYPE: ☐ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ DVFR

2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION:

3. ROUTE OF FLIGHT:

4. TIME STARTED:  SPECIALIST INITIALS:

5. DEPARTURE POINT:

6. DEPARTURE TIME:  PROPOSED (Z):  ACTUAL (Z):

7. CRUISING ALTITUDE:

8. DESTINATION POINT:

9. EST. TIME ENROUTE:  HOURS:  MINUTES:

10. REMARKS:  Navigation Source TSO:  Baro-Aiding equipment installed: ☐

11. (choose an option)  ADS-B Link TSO:  Mask Angle:

12. FUEL ON BOARD:  HOURS:  MINUTES:

13. ALTERNATE ROUTES:

14. PILOT'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER & AIRCRAFT HOME BASE:

15. NUMBER ABOARD:

16. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT:

17. DESTINATION CONTACT/TELEPHONE (OPTIONAL):

**Clear All** **Check Availability**

Figure 7–30: Flight Plan Form Loading Options

### 7.7.2.1 Load Data From Browser

If you want to load field information from the browser cookie, select the ‘Load a flight plan’ → ‘from my browser’ option. The fields will automatically be populated with the most recent entries.

The application will display a notification at the bottom of the Flight Plan Form that “All existing flight data loaded,” as shown in Figure 7–31: Flight Plan Form Loading Options — Browser below:



SAPT Home   ADS-B   RAIM   Save & Load   Help

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION			(FAA USE ONLY)		TIME STARTED		SPECIALIST INITIALS	
FLIGHT PLAN								
1. TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> VFR <input type="checkbox"/> IFR <input type="checkbox"/> DVFR	2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION <b>N51295</b>	3. AIRCRAFT TYPE / SPECIAL EQUIPMENT <b>C172</b>	4. TRUE AIRSPEED <b>110</b> KTS	5. DEPARTURE POINT <b>KLWM</b>	6. DEPARTURE TIME PROPOSED (Z) <b>0600</b> ACTUAL (Z)		7. CRUISING ALTITUDE <b>55</b>	
8. ROUTE OF FLIGHT <b>LWM...WITCH...BOSOX...BOS</b>								
9. DESTINATION POINT <b>KBOS</b>		10. EST. TIME ENROUTE HOURS <b>00</b> MINUTES <b>45</b>		11. REMARKS C129a Navigation Source TSO <input type="checkbox"/> Baro-Aiding equipment installed 282B ADS-B Link TSO 3.0 Mask Angle				
12. FUEL ON BOARD HOURS MINUTES		13. ALTERNATE ROUTES		14. PILOT'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER & AIRCRAFT HOME BASE				15. NUMBER ABOARD
				17. DESTINATION CONTACT/TELEPHONE (OPTIONAL)				
16. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT		CIVIL AIRCRAFT PILOTS: FAR Part 91 requires you file an IFR flight plan to operate under instrument flight rules in controlled airspace. Failure to file could result in a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation (Section 901 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended). Filing of a VFR flight plan is recommended as a good operating practice. See also Part 99 for requirements concerning DVFR flight plans.						

All existing flight data loaded. ?

Clear All Check Availability

**Figure 7–31: Flight Plan Form Loading Options — Browser**

#### 7.7.2.2 Load Data From File

Loading field information using the ‘Load a flight plan’ → ‘from a file on my computer’ option will load data from a text file to the Flight Plan Form.

- Choose “Select a saved flight plan from your computer to load” when a pop-up box is displayed in the middle of the Flight Planning Form, as shown in Figure 7–32: Flight Plan Form Loading Options — File:

The screenshot shows the SAPT Flight Plan Form with a modal dialog box for loading a saved flight plan. The dialog box contains the text "Select a saved flight plan from your computer to load:" and a "Browse..." button. Below the dialog box, the form fields are visible, including "1. TYPE" (VFR, IFR, DVFR), "2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION" (N51295), "3. ROUTE OF FLIGHT" (LWM...WITCH...BOSOX...BO), "9. DESTINATION POINT" (KBOS), "10. EST. TIME ENROUTE" (00 hours, 45 minutes), "11. REMARKS" (Navigation Source TSO, ADS-B Link TSO, Mask Angle), "12. FUEL ON BOARD", "13. ALTERNATE ROUTES", "14. PILOT'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER & AIRCRAFT HOME BASE", "15. NUMBER ABOARD", "16. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT", and "17. DESTINATION CONTACT/TELEPHONE (OPTIONAL)". At the bottom of the form, there is a status bar with "All existing flight data loaded.", a question mark icon, and "Clear All" and "Check Availability" buttons.

Figure 7–32: Flight Plan Form Loading Options — File

- When you click **BROWSE** the SAPT opens a pop-up box containing the “Choose File to Upload” prompt, as displayed in Figure 7–33: Flight Plan Form Loading a File — Choose a File to Upload:

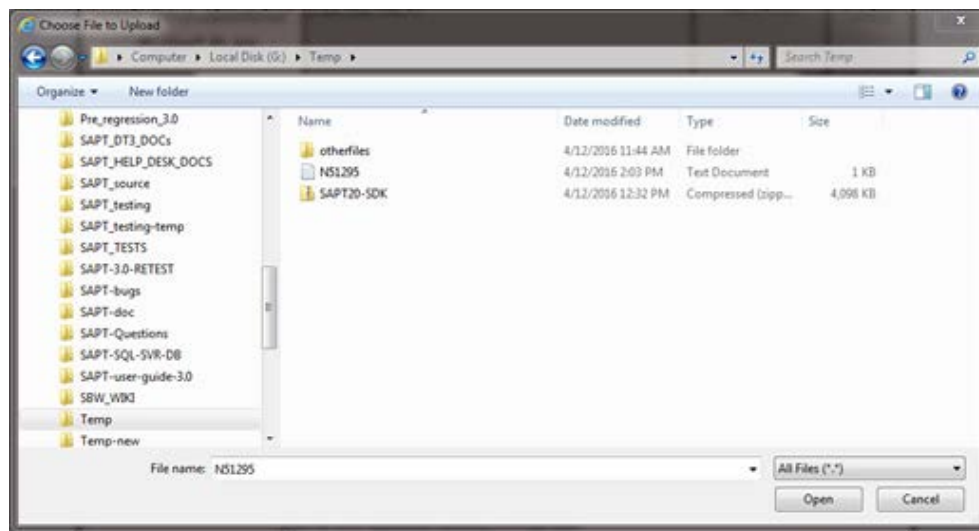


Figure 7–33: Flight Plan Form Loading a File — Choose a File to Upload



- Select the desired file and click **OPEN**. This action will enter the file name and location in the box at the bottom of the Flight Planning Form.
- Click **LOAD** to populate the fields with the information in the file.

## 7.8 PREDICTION OUTPUT

After you submit a prediction request via the flight plan form, the SAPT will issue a response outlined in red.

This result will be shown at the bottom of the form, as illustrated in Figure 7–35: Flight Plan Sufficiency Suggestion.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION			(FAA USE ONLY)		TIME STARTED		SPECIALIST INITIALS	
<b>FLIGHT PLAN</b>								
1. TYPE	2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION	3. AIRCRAFT TYPE / SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	4. TRUE AIRSPEED	5. DEPARTURE POINT	6. DEPARTURE TIME		7. CRUISING ALTITUDE	
<input type="checkbox"/> VFR <input type="checkbox"/> IFR <input type="checkbox"/> DVFR	zzv99	B733	345 KTS	KMDW	PROPOSED (Z)	ACTUAL (Z)	370	
8. ROUTE OF FLIGHT								
OBENE...								
9. DESTINATION POINT		10. EST. TIME ENROUTE		11. REMARKS				
KDEN		HOURS: 01 MINUTES: 30		C129 Navigation Source TSO 260B ADS-B Link TSO 5.0 Mask Angle				
12. FUEL ON BOARD		13. ALTERNATE ROUTES		14. PILOT'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER & AIRCRAFT HOME BASE			15. NUMBER ABOARD	
HOURS: MINUTES:								
				17. DESTINATION CONTACT/TELEPHONE (OPTIONAL)				
16. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT		CIVIL AIRCRAFT PILOTS. FAR Part 91 requires you file an IFR flight plan to operate under instrument flight rules in controlled airspace. Failure to file could result in a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation (Section 901 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended). Filing of a VFR flight plan is recommended as a good operating practice. See also Part 99 for requirements concerning DVFR flight plans.						

**Figure 7–34: Flight Plan Prediction Request**

### 7.8.1 Flight Plan Results

The results issued by the SAPT Flight Plan Form will include the following information for each point in the route of flight. These points can be entered in the form or they can be intermediate points that were inserted automatically by the SAPT:

- Name of the point
- Latitude
- Longitude
- ETO (in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT))
- NIC

- NAC<sub>p</sub>
- Airspace
- Sufficient?









In addition, a transaction number and the date and time when the prediction was completed are returned at the top of the notification box. The transaction number is a unique identifier that you can use to reference the request and it is also proof that a prediction was run for that flight.

**Transaction #:** 80047

**Prediction Time:** 2017:02:14 13:58:33 (Z)

**Departure Time:** 2017:02:15 10:00 (Z)

*Try again with your departure time offset by 15 minutes.*

Name	Latitude	Longitude	ETO(Z)	NIC	NAC <sub>p</sub>	Airspace	Sufficient?
KBWI	39.1757	-76.6690	10:00	6	8	Terminal	 Backup Only
@21.70NM	39.1308	-76.2071	10:05	7	8	Terminal	 Yes
SPEAK	39.0581	-75.7461	10:10	7	8	Terminal	 Yes
DONIL	39.0765	-75.3053	10:14	8	8	En Route	 Yes
ACY	39.4559	-74.5763	10:24	7	8	En Route	 Yes
PANZE	39.6760	-74.1682	10:29	7	8	Terminal	 Yes
CAMRN	40.0173	-73.8611	10:35	7	8	Terminal	 Yes
KJFK	40.6399	-73.7787	10:44	7	8	Terminal	 Yes

[View in Interactive Map](#)

*Notes: Try again with your departure time offset by 15 minutes.*

**Figure 7–35: Sufficiency Suggestion**

Users must interpret the flight information that is returned in order to determine if the route and time will be adequate to support ADS–B surveillance. The primary SAPT indicator in that determination is the sufficiency value, which is described in the following section of this guide.

#### 7.8.1.1 Sufficiency





Under the Sufficient heading, a point will be considered sufficient if the NIC and NAC<sub>p</sub> values are equal to, or higher than, the required values for that airspace, as defined in the ADS–B Final Rule.

In the Enhancement Release, the SAPT will use NIC7 and NACp8 as minimum values. If a point falls outside U.S.-controlled airspace, the SAPT will return “N/A”.

If any point has a sufficiency value of “No,” users should not take that route. In that case users must find another route and time that do meet sufficiency rules. A sufficiency value of “N/A” can be treated as a “Yes,” since that airspace falls outside U.S. control and is irrelevant.

A prediction that denotes that all sufficiency values are “Yes” or “N/A,” means that all points meet the required accuracy. You may accept the route and time for the flight. You may want to print the form and prediction for your records.

The stoplight icons shown in Figure 7–35 indicate sufficiency:

	ADS–B performance is sufficient at the waypoint. The flight may proceed, as per the rules.
	ADS–B performance is NOT sufficient at the waypoint but backup surveillance is predicted to be available. Operators holding Exemption 12555 may be approved to conduct the flight. Refer to the conditions of Exemption 12555.
	ADS–B performance is NOT sufficient at the waypoint and NO backup surveillance is predicted to be available. The flight may NOT proceed, unless an ATC deviation is authorized (Refer to 14 CFR 91.225).
	ADS–B coverage is not computed for points outside of supported airspace. This point has no bearing on ADS–B sufficiency or on whether the flight may proceed.

For more information, please refer to [Table 7–2: Interpreting Results for SAPT Pre-flight Availability Predictions](#).

#### 7.8.1.1.1 FAA SAPT Policy with Exemption 12555

Publication of FAA regulation and policy is outside the scope of this guide. However, correct interpretation of SAPT results requires some mention of Exemption 12555 and FAA policy in this document. Users are cautioned to refer to the published Final Rule on ADS–B, specified in 14 CFR §§91.225 and 91.227, the Grant of Exemption 12555 and AC 90–114A CHG 1 for authoritative information.

The FAA has issued a limited grant of exemption (viz. Exemption 12555) from specific performance requirements of the ADS–B Out rule during certain periods of GPS satellite constellation performance. A fact-sheet on the exemption is available here:

<https://www.faa.gov/nextgen/equipadsb/media/Exemption12555.pdf>

*Note: Operators must follow the procedures described in FAA Information for Operators (InFO) 16003, Exemption 12555 Process to obtain the exemption.*

Exemption 12555 does not amend or change 14 CFR §§91.225 or 91.227. Beginning January 1, 2020, operators must still be equipped with ADS-B Out, as specified in 14 CFR §§91.225 and 91.227 to fly in rule airspace.

Whether an operator holds Exemption 12555 will affect the following factors:

- When the operator needs to run a prediction
- Whether SAPT will grant a deviation without ATC intervention
- The interpretation of the SAPT response

In summary:

- GPS performance to TSO-C129, SA ON (Jan 1, 2020 – Dec 31, 2024)
  - With Exemption 12555, pre-flight prediction required:
    - When ANY point in the route of flight does not meet the ADS-B Rule performance requirements but does indicate the existence of backup surveillance, a deviation is authorized by the FAA when using SAPT.
  - No Exemption 12555, pre-flight prediction required:
    - When ANY point in the route of flight does not meet the ADS-B Rule performance requirements the operator must contact ATC to obtain authorization.
- GPS performance to TSO-C129/C196, SA-AWARE (Jan 1, 2020 – Dec 31, 2024)
  - With Exemption 12555, flight authorized without pre-flight prediction.
  - NO Exemption 12555, pre-flight prediction required:
    - When ANY point in the route of flight does not meet the ADS-B Rule performance requirements the operator must contact ATC to obtain authorization.

Table 7–2 below outlines the expected SAPT response for the conditions specified above.

**Table 7–2: Interpreting Results for SAPT Pre-flight Availability Predictions**

Equipment	2020-2024								After 2024
	Exemption 12555				No Exemption 12555				Exemption Expires
SA ON (TSO-C129)	Prediction required? YES				YES				YES
	SAPI will determine backup surveillance & convey ATC authorization	Condition	XML	Web Form: "Traffic Light"	Operator must contact ATC to obtain authorization if they don't meet the rule	Condition	XML	Web Form: "Traffic Light"	Operator must contact ATC to obtain authorization. <b>Same "Conditions" apply as do for "No Exemption 12555"</b>
		No Action	isSufficientForAdbb = unspecified backupCoverage = unspecified	Traffic light: gray Text: "N/A"		No Action	isSufficientForAdbb = unspecified backupCoverage = unspecified	Traffic light: gray Text: "N/A"	
		Meets Rule	isSufficientForAdbb = true backupCoverage = unspecified	Traffic light: green Text: "Yes"		Meets Rule	isSufficientForAdbb = true backupCoverage = unspecified	Traffic light: green Text: "Yes"	
		Authorized Deviation from SAPT	isSufficientForAdbb = false backupCoverage = true	Traffic light: yellow Text: "Backup Only"		Fails*, No Authorized Deviation from SAPT	isSufficientForAdbb = false backupCoverage = true	Traffic light: yellow Text: "Backup Only"	
	Fails*, No Authorized Deviation from SAPT	isSufficientForAdbb = false backupCoverage = false	Traffic light: red Text: "No"	Fails*, No Authorized Deviation from SAPT	isSufficientForAdbb = false backupCoverage = false	Traffic light: red Text: "No"			
SA AWARE (TSO-C129 or C196)	Prediction required? NO				YES				YES
	Exemption authorizes flight without the need for Preflight Prediction				Operator must contact ATC to obtain authorization. <b>Same "Conditions" apply as do for "No Exemption 12555" under SA ON.</b>				Operator must contact ATC to obtain authorization. <b>Same "Conditions" apply as do for "No Exemption 12555" under SA ON</b>
SBAS (ISU-C145 or 146)	Prediction required? NO				NO				NO
	No Preflight Availability Prediction Required				No Preflight Availability Prediction Required				No Preflight Availability Prediction Required
<b>*NOTE: These XML values are returned for each waypoint. A Fail at any waypoint fails the route.</b>									

**7.8.1.1.2 Considerations: Departure and ETO Timing**

The following considerations must be taken into account for departure and ETO timing:

- Each waypoint that the SAPT checks.
- ETO and each minute for 5 minutes forward and backward.
- Waypoint and one point 7.5 NM to either side.
- The worst values are used for the waypoint.

This means an SAPT prediction applies to a ten-minute window at each waypoint.

*Note: This is not the same as the RAIM prediction algorithm.*

**7.8.1.1.3 Considerations: When to Run a Prediction**

The questions and considerations that must be taken into account when running a prediction are:

- How far in advance should I run the prediction?

- The GPS constellation model is built at least once a day for 72 hours.
- The SAPT should always cover the next 48 hours.
- XML transactions can be entered 48 hours before arrival.

*Note: Please refer to AC 90–114A CHG1 in order to determine the required timeframe to submit a transaction and obtain an authorized deviation.*

#### **7.8.1.2 Insufficiency and Suggested Flight Times**

When the SAPT returns a prediction request with a sufficiency value of “No,” it will suggest a better time to fly the requested route if it can find one within an hour of the proposed time. A sample of this type of notification is provided in Figure 7–35: Sufficiency Suggestion.

Since TSO–C129 provides near worst-case results with regards to availability with a low computational overhead, the system will use TSO–C129 SA–ON to search for a time that may provide better results. The system search pattern uses the following times, and stops if it finds a combination that works:

- +15 (fifteen minutes later)
- -15 (fifteen minutes earlier)
- +30 (thirty minutes later)
- -30 (thirty minutes earlier)
- +45 (forty-five minutes later)
- -45 (forty-five minutes earlier)
- +60 (sixty minutes later)
- -60 (sixty minutes earlier)

Please keep in mind that when the SAPT returns a suggested time, the suggested time may not work. While the suggestion process uses a quick algorithm intended to save you time, it is your responsibility to verify that suggestion by modifying your prediction request – either forward or backward in time – and re-running the SAPT to make sure your actual avionics pass. If the system cannot provide a suggestion, it will issue a notification. In such cases, a change of route may be advised.

#### **7.8.1.3 Inserted/Redundant Route Points**

The system will add points to the route of flight as required in order to guarantee that the distance between the points is never more than 60 NM. If the sum of the distances between a mid-point and its two neighboring points is less than five NM, the mid-point will be marked as redundant and NIC/NACp values will not be calculated separately for it.

The system will not mark two consecutive points as redundant.

All points, whether ones that you have specified or ones that have been added by the system, will be returned in the SAPT response. Points that are marked as redundant (and are removed from

the calculation) are included in the results, with the estimated NIC and NACp taken from the previous point.

When a point is added, the name of that point will either be “Direct@,” “<Route Name>@,” or “<Radial>@” (depending on the type of the previous point) followed by the distance from the previous point.

The SAPT considers route requests that contain 35 waypoints or fewer (including system-added ones) to be conforming by default.

### 7.8.2 Graphical Display

The following two types of graphical displays have been implemented in the SAPT:

- Large area display
- Route-specific display

The interactive map is built on Cesium, an open-source JavaScript library for world-class 3D globes and maps. Cesium is based on the WebGL engine. WebGL (Web Graphics Library) is a JavaScript API for rendering interactive 3D and 2D graphics within any compatible web browser without the use of plug-ins. WebGL does so by introducing an API that closely conforms to OpenGL ES 2.0 that can be used in HTML5 <canvas> elements.

WebGL 1.0 is supported in the stable releases of most major browsers on both desktop and mobile platforms. **Chrome**, **Firefox**, **Internet Explorer**, **Opera**, and **Safari** are all known to have good WebGL support on both desktop and mobile browsers.

Although iOS and Android are not officially supported, early testing indicates that they work with reduced functionality.

- On an iOS product, pressing **DOWNLOAD KML** should automatically open the Google Earth™ application if it has been installed.
- On an Android product, you must first download and then open the KML file.

#### 7.8.2.1 Large Area Display

The large area display has been developed to allow you to see configuration-specific degradations in ADS-B performance based on the GPS constellation, navigation TSO, and time.

This display, depicted in Figure 7–36: Large Area Graphical Display, includes six configurations:

- Configuration 1: TSO-C129, no baro-aiding, mask angle 5.0
- Configuration 2: TSO-C129, no baro-aiding, mask angle 2.0
- Configuration 3: TSO-C129, baro-aiding, mask angle 5.0

- Configuration 5: TSO–C196, no baro-aiding, mask angle 5.0
- Configuration 6: TSO–C196, no baro-aiding, mask angle 2.0

Configuration 1 represents the worst-case scenario that you might encounter. Configuration 6 represents the best-case scenario, other than WAAS.

*Note: WAAS was not recommended for inclusion because it always meets the required availability defined in the ADS–B Final Rule. Configuration 2 will be slightly better than Configuration 1 but typically worse than Configuration 3.*

If you have a different configuration, choose the one that most closely represents the aircraft you will use.

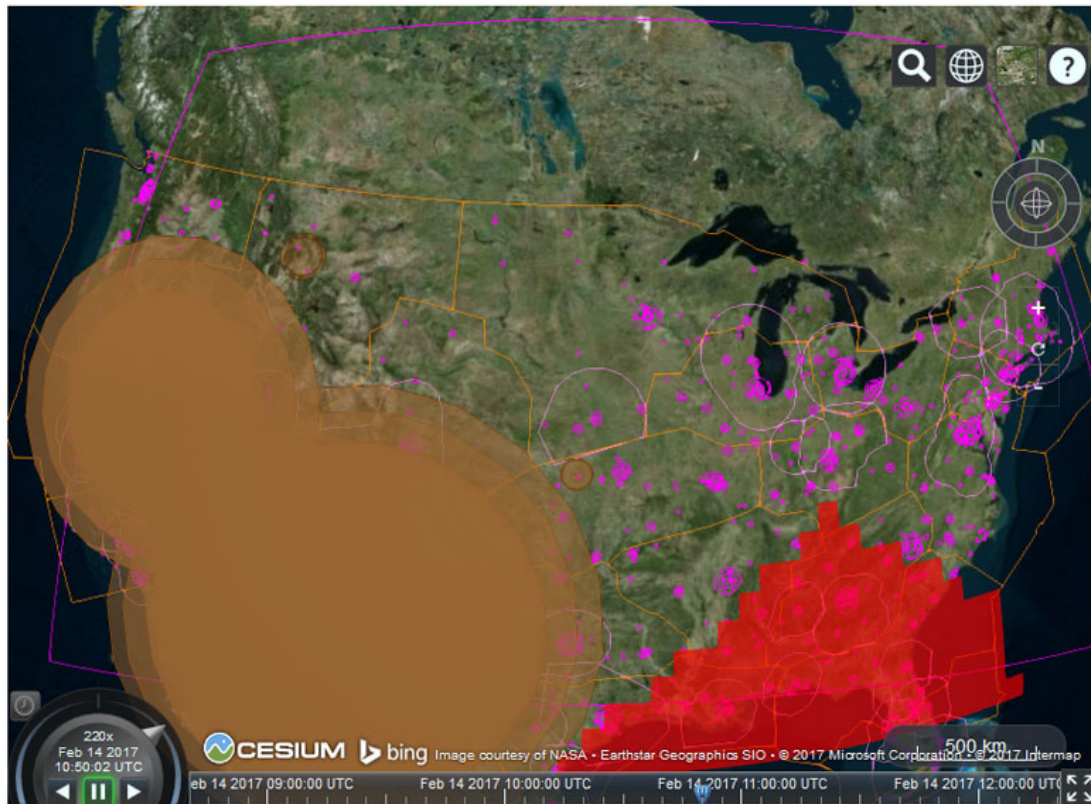
REMINDER: The large area display should only be used as a reference as it does not replace the need for an actual route-specific prediction request.



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Displaying TSO-C129, no barometric aiding, RAIM NPA airspace, Selective Availability ON, mask angle: 5.0°

\* Outage Summaries available for 2017/02/13 09:25 - 2017/02/16 07:25 UTC



Total of 48 outages shown at 1.0 degree resolution.

<a href="#">Download current KML</a>	<a href="#">Generate new KML for Area in View</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show ADS-B Service Volumes
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show GPS Jamming and Interference
Zoom to area: <a href="#">CONUS</a> <a href="#">Northeast US</a> <a href="#">Southeast US</a> <a href="#">Gulf of Mexico</a> <a href="#">Southwest US</a> <a href="#">Northwest US</a> <a href="#">Alaska</a>		
<a href="#">Hawaii</a> <a href="#">Guam</a> <a href="#">Puerto Rico</a>		
Look-ahead time: <a href="#">Next 6 hours</a> <a href="#">6-12 hours</a> <a href="#">12-18 hours</a> <a href="#">18-24 hours</a>		

Outages for Cesium display are precomputed from a small list of avionics configurations. Outage Summaries are shown in Cesium for their entire duration and include outages with any impact in the next six hours. Display may contain older outages while recalculating with a newer GPS almanac.

**Figure 7–36: Large Area Graphical Display**

To select a large area display, open the main SAPT web page (please refer to Figure 7–2) and scroll to the Outage Summaries section below the “Flight Plan Form”. Follow these steps:

- Step 1. Select either TSO–C129 or TSO–C196 from the TSO drop-down box.
- Step 2. Select either a mask angle of 2.0 or 5.0 from the Mask angle drop-down box.
- Step 3. Click the “Click to View” link in the Outages column to open an interactive map outage display, as in the example shown above.

The display identifies all of the outages under the selected configuration. In Figure 7–36: Large Area Graphical Display, all outages over the next six hours of the prediction window are shown.

*Note: Depending on the number of outages, the large area display may take some time to initialize and display.*

A status message below the lower left corner of the map, above **PLAY**, reports when the tool is generating and retrieving the KML file, and reports the total number of outages and the resolution when the file is finished. A status message indicating that there are no outages is displayed while the map is rebuilding. The status message in Figure 7–36: Large Area Graphical Display is “Total of 48 outages shown at 1.0 degree resolution.”

The large area display defaults to show the CONUS outages at a low resolution. You may select a region from the buttons on the right to zoom to an area or use the interactive map features to navigate to a custom region and display outages at a higher resolution. The area within which outages are searched will be highlighted within a box.

*Note: Outages are NOT generated for the entire world, but even inside the highlighted search box are only predicted within the airspaces inside the ADS–B Service Volumes.*

*To help distinguish airspace that is free of outages from airspace that is outside the relevant ADS–B-required volume, the ADS–B Service Volumes are also marked on the map, outlined in orange (En Route) and pink (Terminal).*

*A “Show ADS–B” box in the lower right corner allows you to display or hide the ADS–B Service Volume outlines.*

*Check the “Show GPS Jamming and Interference” box in the lower right corner in order to display or hide it.*

A number of controls are available on this window:

- The large area display will play outages (in brown using a standard Cesium™ time slider at the bottom. All outages and route-point ETOs are displayed in GMT. You can move the time slider forward and backward to determine outages at specific times. Any outages that are active within the time will be shown. You can click the outages to display the latitude and longitude of the outage and its starting and ending times.
- **PLAY**, **PAUSE**, and **REVERSE** are set at the lower left corner of the map. Click **PLAY** to move the time slider to the right. A limitation in the Cesium API prevents the slider from automatically stopping when it hits the end of the slide bar. The timeline controller will reset to the beginning when it reaches the end and continue to play. Click **PAUSE** to stop the time slider at its current position.

- Drag the arrow located in outer ring of the timeline controller to change the speed of the timeline animation.
- Buttons labeled **NEXT 6 HOURS**, **6–12 HOURS**, **12–18 HOURS** AND **18–24 HOURS** are set at the bottom allows user to select the look-ahead time for outage.
- Buttons labeled **CONUS**, **NORTHEAST US**, **SOUTHEAST US**, **GULF OF MEXICO**, **SOUTHWEST US**, **NORTHWEST US**, **ALASKA**, **HAWAII**, **GUAM** AND **PUERTO RICO** are set before the Look-ahead time allows user to select a region. When you select a region, you must wait for the outages to be retrieved and displayed again. In Figure 7–37: Northeast Region – Illustrated Selection, outages are not searched for Ottawa or other parts of southern Canada even though they are included in the highlighted region. Need to change (Zoom to area:)

Displaying TSO-C129, no barometric aiding, RAIM NPA airspace, Selective Availability ON, mask angle: 5.0°

\* Outage Summaries available for 2017/02/14 09:26 - 2017/02/17 07:26 UTC

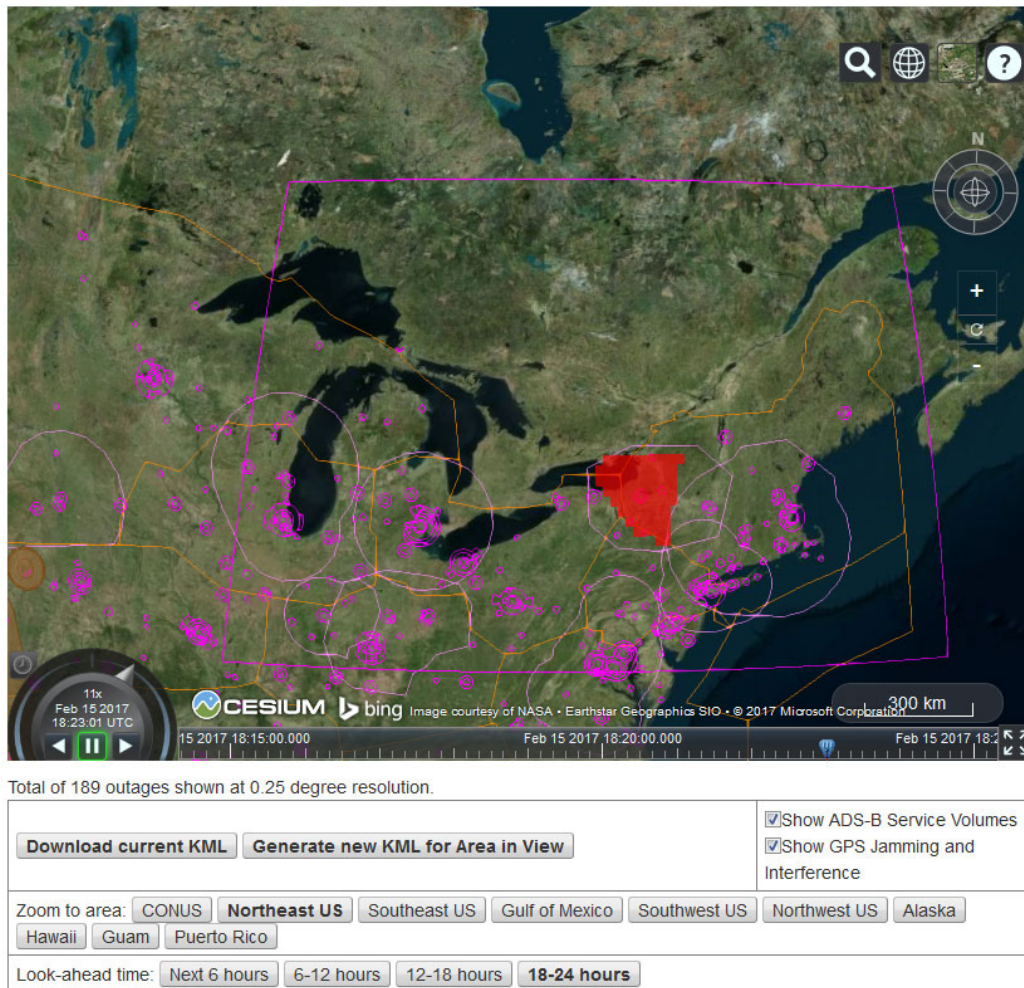


Figure 7–37: Northeast Region — Illustrated Selection



- When network performance is slow, it may be difficult to display outages. By clicking **DOWNLOAD KML** you can download the outage file using the browser's download function. The file is named "outages-<number>.kml" (<number> is either the transaction ID or an internal number for non-route specific outages).

You may rename the file, but you should not change the "kml" file extension. If you open the file in the browser, it should be displayed in the Google Earth™ desktop application.

### 7.8.2.2 Route-Specific Display









The route-specific display provides the submitted route-of-flight superimposed on a map in the interactive map. Outages will be displayed along the route-of-flight when predicted to be present at the indicated ETO.

**Transaction #: 80047**

**Prediction Time: 2017:02:14 13:58:33 (Z)**

**Departure Time: 2017:02:15 10:00 (Z)**

*Try again with your departure time offset by 15 minutes.*

Name	Latitude	Longitude	ETO(Z)	NIC	NAC <sub>p</sub>	Airspace	Sufficient?
KBWI	39.1757	-76.6690	10:00	6	8	Terminal	 Backup Only
@21.70NM	39.1308	-76.2071	10:05	7	8	Terminal	 Yes
SPEAK	39.0581	-75.7461	10:10	7	8	Terminal	 Yes
DONIL	39.0765	-75.3053	10:14	8	8	En Route	 Yes
ACY	39.4559	-74.5763	10:24	7	8	En Route	 Yes
PANZE	39.6760	-74.1682	10:29	7	8	Terminal	 Yes
CAMRN	40.0173	-73.8611	10:35	7	8	Terminal	 Yes
KJFK	40.6399	-73.7787	10:44	7	8	Terminal	 Yes

[View in Interactive Map](#)

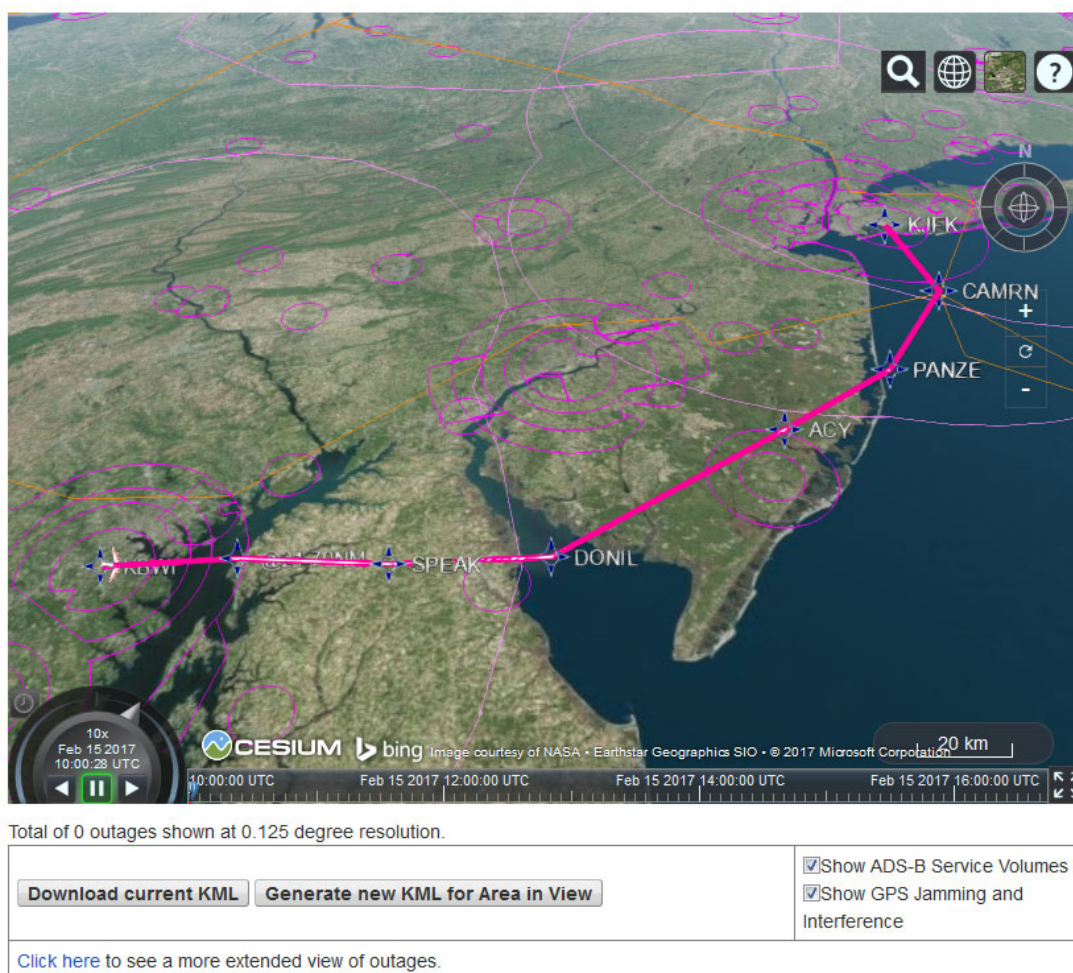
*Notes: Try again with your departure time offset by 15 minutes.*

**Figure 7–38: Create Route-Specific Flight Plan Form**

When you click View in Interactive Map in the response on the Flight Plan Form, the route of flight will be superimposed on the Interactive map above the list of route-points with Name, Latitude, Longitude, ETO, NIC, NAC<sub>p</sub> and Sufficiency.

Displaying TSO-C129, no barometric aiding, Selective Availability ON, mask angle: 5.0°

\* Outage Summaries available for 2017/02/14 09:26 - 2017/02/17 07:26 UTC



**Figure 7–39: Route-Specific Graphical Display**

The waypoints on the map will be labeled and hyperlinked. Click the hyperlinked waypoints to display the named route-point and ETO. The route-specific display includes standard controls, including a zoom feature and a time slider.

Outages will be displayed in red along the route of flight as you progress through the route ETOs. Subsequently, a plane icon will also move along the route of flight. The route display only shows outages within a 60 NM-wide corridor along the planned route of flight. A green band will indicate the distance from the route of flight for which the outages are displayed.

Outages for the grid display do not use the weighting algorithm, specified in Section 6.5 of this guide, as used in the prediction. The grid display calculates the HPL (and HFOM for TSO–C129) every five minutes and compares the NIC and NACp that are generated to the threshold

for the given airspace. If the predicted NIC or NACp is insufficient for the airspace, the time is marked as an outage.

These differences occasionally lead to instances in which the grid display and the route-of-flight prediction disagree, typically near the beginning or end of an outage. Figure 7–39: Route-Specific Graphical Display shows an example of a route-specific display:

## 7.9 PRINTING A REQUEST

After you have submitted a prediction and have received a result, you can print the web page using the standard print options with the printer icon on the menu bar, as shown in Figure 7–40: Print a Prediction Menu. When you click the icon the form should resemble the example shown in Figure 7–41: Sample Printed Prediction.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the FAA Flight Plan form. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'http://www.faa.gov/flightplan'. The page header includes the FAA logo, the text 'Federal Aviation Administration', and a search bar. The main content area contains the 'FLIGHT PLAN' form, which is divided into several sections. The 'FLIGHT PLAN' section includes fields for '1. TYPE' (VFR, IFR, DVFR), '2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION' (xxv32), '3. AIRCRAFT TYPE / SPECIAL EQUIPMENT' (dc1-), '4. TRUE AIRSPEED' (300 KTS), '5. DEPARTURE POINT' (kbo), '6. DEPARTURE TIME' (PROPOSED (Z) 0630, ACTUAL (Z)), and '7. CRUISING ALTITUDE' (250). The '8. ROUTE OF FLIGHT' section contains the text 'PATTS...CMK...175...'. The '9. DESTINATION POINT' section contains 'KBWI'. The '10. EST. TIME ENROUTE' section contains '00' hours and '45' minutes. The '11. REMARKS' section includes dropdown menus for 'C129', '260B', and '5.0', and checkboxes for 'Navigation Source TSO', 'ADS-B Link TSO', and 'Baro-Aiding equipment installed'. The '12. FUEL ON BOARD' section contains '00' hours and '00' minutes. The '13. ALTERNATE ROUTES' section is empty. The '14. PILOT'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER & AIRCRAFT HOME BASE' section is empty. The '15. NUMBER ABOARD' section is empty. The '16. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT' section is empty. The '17. DESTINATION CONTACT/TELEPHONE (OPTIONAL)' section is empty. At the bottom of the form, there is a disclaimer: 'CIVIL AIRCRAFT PILOTS. FAR Part 91 requires you file an IFR flight plan to operate under instrument flight rules in controlled airspace. Failure to file could result in a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation (Section 901 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended). Filing of a VFR flight plan is recommended as a good operating practice. See also Part 99 for requirements concerning DVFR flight plans.' Below the form, there are two buttons: 'Clear All' and 'Check Availability'.

**Figure 7–40: Print a Prediction Menu**

A sample printed prediction is shown in the following illustration:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION			(FAA USE ONLY)			TIME STARTED		SPECIALIST INITIALS	
FLIGHT PLAN									
1. TYPE		2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION		3. AIRCRAFT TYPE/SPECIAL EQUIPMENT		4. TRUE AIRSPEED		5. DEPARTURE POINT	
<input type="checkbox"/> VFR <input type="checkbox"/> IFR <input type="checkbox"/> DVFR		ZZV32		DC10		300 KTS		KBOS	
								6. DEPARTURE TIME	
								PROPOSED (Z) 0630 ACTUAL (Z)	
								7. CRUISE ALTITUDE	
								250	
8. ROUTE OF FLIGHT									
PATSS...CMK...J75...									
9. DESTINATION POINT									
KBWI									
10. EST. TIME ENROUTE									
HOURS 00 MINUTES 45									
11. REMARKS									
C129 Navigable Source TSO <input type="checkbox"/> Baro-Altimeter equipment installed 2500 ADS-B Link TSO 50 Mask Angle									
12. FUEL ON BOARD									
HOURS MINUTES									
13. ALTERNATE ROUTES									
14. PILOT'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER, AIRCRAFT HOME BASE									
15. NUMBER ABOARD									
16. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT									
CIVIL AIRCRAFT PILOTS: FAR Part 91 requires you file an IFR flight plan to operate under instrument flight rules in controlled airspace. Failure to file could result in a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation (Section 901 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended). Filing of a VFR flight plan is recommended as a good operating practice. See also Part 99 for requirements concerning DVFR flight plans.									
17. DESTINATION COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE (OPTIONAL)									

**Transaction #:** 36329

**Prediction Time:** 2016:02:05 20:10:32 (Z)

**Departure Time:** 2016:02:06 06:30 (Z)

*Try again with your departure time offset by 15 minutes.*

Name	Latitude	Longitude	ETQ(Z)	NIC	NAC <sub>p</sub>	Airspace	Sufficient?
KBOS	42.3629	-71.0064	06:30	7	6	Terminal	Yes
PATSS	42.0891	-71.7106	06:34	7	6	Terminal	Yes
DIRECT@45.61NM	41.7904	-72.6535	06:41	7	6	Terminal	Yes
CMK	41.2801	-73.5813	06:48	7	6	Terminal	Yes
DIRECT@42.69NM	40.8867	-74.3729	06:55	6	6	Terminal	Backup Only
DIRECT@66.63NM	40.4567	-75.1526	07:01	6	6	Terminal	Backup Only
DIRECT@132.59NM	39.9698	-75.9197	07:06	7	6	Terminal	Yes
KBWI	39.1757	-76.6690	07:15	7	6	Terminal	Yes

Notes: Try again with your departure time offset by 15 minutes.

Figure 7-41: Sample Printed Prediction

## 8 ADS-B XML INTERFACE

The SAPT is primarily an XML-based web service. For users who periodically need to check if their GPS-based navigation source will be adequate for ADS-B along their route of flight, the HTML front end will work well. Many users employ flight planning software, however, which may be developed in-house or from a third-party vendor. The XML web service is recommended for these users.

If you use flight planning software from a third-party vendor, please contact that vendor to request that the XML web service be incorporated into the software. If you have more control over your flight planning software, please follow the section 8.1 WSDL to request a copy of the

SAPT WSDL and SDK. Most integrated development environments (IDEs) can build a skeleton structure from the WSDL and streamline the development process.

## 8.1 WSDL

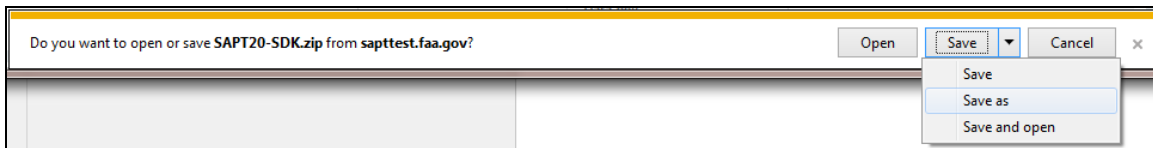
The ADS-B web service is being updated and the present WSDL, which is documented here, is being replaced. The new version is referred to as 'sapt-2.1'. It updates the interface for ADS-B with some new features and also integrates the RAIM Prediction service.

You may request the 'SAPT20-SDK' WSDL through the RAIM and ADS-B XML pages. To request the WSDL from the ADS-B XML page, scroll to the bottom of the page and click the 'Request a copy of the SAPT WSDL and SDK' link, shown here:

[Request a copy of the SAPT WSDL and SDK](#)

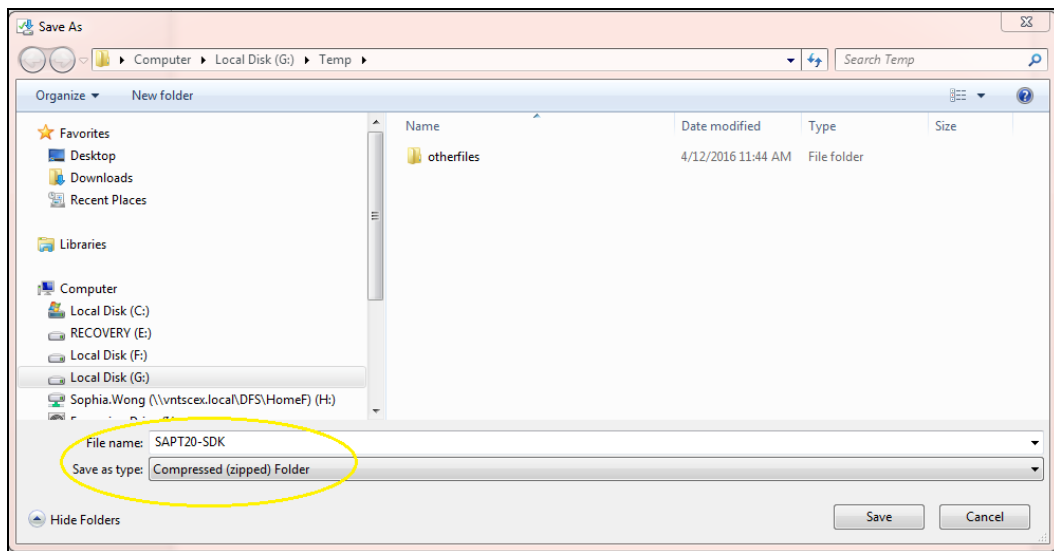
**Figure 8–1: WSDL Request Link**

When you click **DOWNLOAD** the application generates a pop-up dialog:



**Figure 8–2: Download the SAPT SDK Pop-up**

Click **SAVE AS** to choose the location where you want to save it on your computer:



**Figure 8–3: Save the SAPT SDK**

Click **OPEN** to save the file to the temporary internet files folder on your computer:



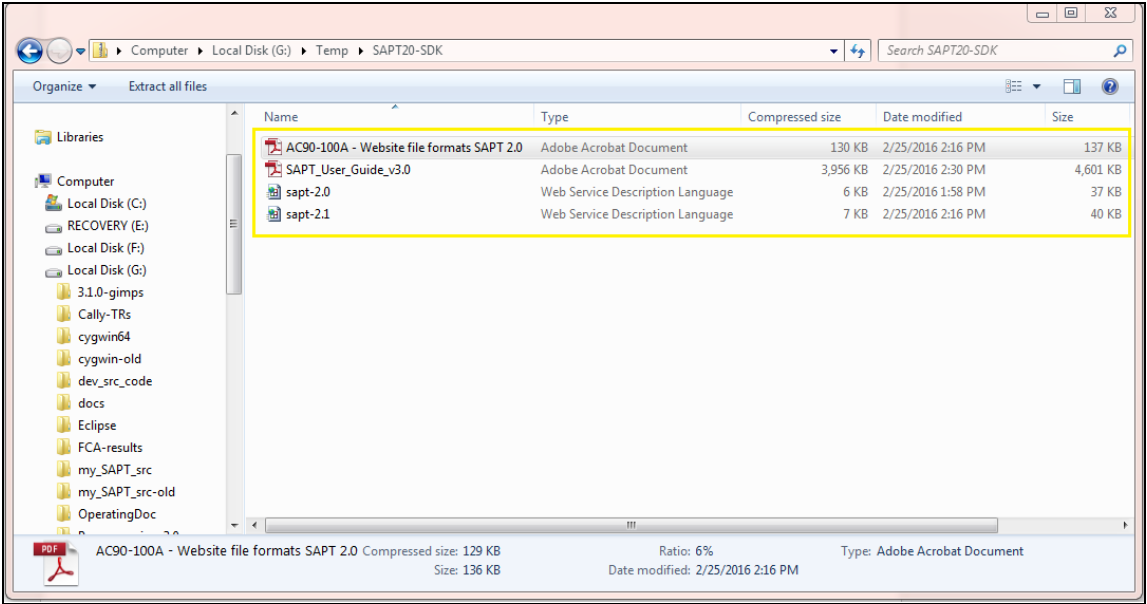


Figure 8–4: Open the SAPT SDK

The SDK archive contains the WSDL and other files that might be useful for developing software to interface with SAPT.

Figure 8–5 is a Unified Modeling Language (UML) diagram of the various information classes and types employed by the web service.

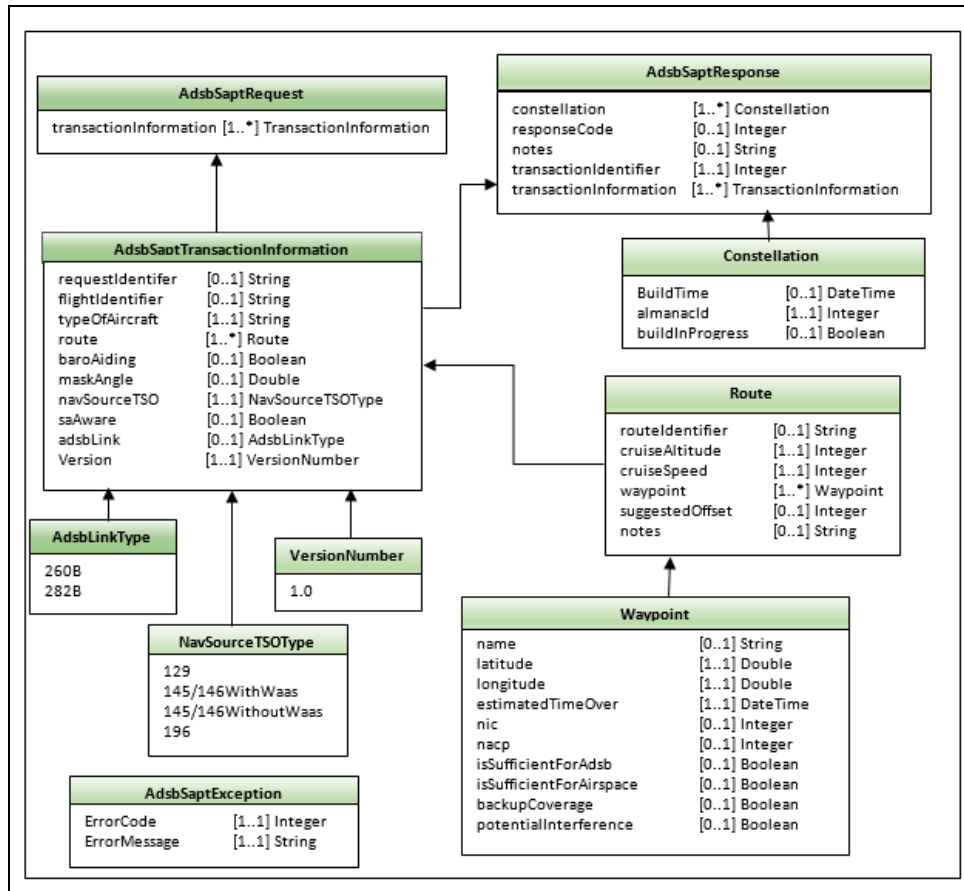


Figure 8–5: XML Web Service — Classes and Types

## 8.2 CLASSES AND TYPES

The primary class is the AdsbSaptTransactionInformation class, shown in Table 8–3: ADS–B SAPT Transaction information which contains all the information that requests and responses have in common.

The sample AdsbSaptRequest (refer to Table 8–8) contains only what is in AdsbSaptTransactionInformation, while the sample AdsbSaptResonse, shown in Table 8–9, contains more fields.

Table 8–5 and Table 8–6 provide more details about the Route, Waypoint, and Table 8–7 AdsbSaptException information classes used by the XML web service.

Table 8–1: ADSB Sufficiency for Route Request

Field Name	Type	Required?	Definition
Transaction Information	Transaction Information	Yes	The requested transaction information. See Table 8–3

**Table 8–2: ADSB Sufficiency for Route Response**

Field Name	Type	Required?	Definition
constellation	Constellation	No, Response Only	Constellation build information. See Table 8–4
responseCode	Integer	No, Response Only	0 If the request was successfully processed, a negative number otherwise.
Notes	String	No, Response Only	An explanation for a failed request and/or information about upcoming system outages/changes.
TransactionIdentifier	Integer	No, Response Only	The transaction number assigned to the request by the system.
Transaction Information	Transaction Information	No, Response	The requested transaction information. See Table 8–3

**Table 8–3: ADS–B SAPT Transaction Information**

Field Name	Type	Required?	Definition
requestIdentifier	String	No	Optional string to identify a user’s request.
flightIdentifier	String	No	Optional string to identify the flight to which the request pertains (either tail number or flight ID).
typeOfAircraft	String	Yes	The ICAO identifier of the aircraft.
route	Route	Yes	One or more routes on which to perform the prediction. See Table 8–5
baroAiding	Boolean	No	True if the aircraft is equipped with a GPS-based navigation source that utilizes barometric aiding. False otherwise. Default is False.
maskAngle	Double	No	The mask angle (in degrees) utilized by the GPS-based navigation source. Default is 5.0 (degrees).
navSourceTSO	NavSourceTSO Type	Yes	The TSO number for the navigation source.
adsbLink	AdsbLinkType	No	The TSO number for the aircraft’s ADS–B transponder.
saAware	Boolean	No	True if the aircraft is equipped with a TSO–C129 with no saAware navigation source.

**Table 8–3: ADS–B SAPT Transaction Information**

Field Name	Type	Required?	Definition
			False with saAware. <i>Note: This field is ignored for any NavSourceTSOType other than “129.”</i>
enableWAAS	Boolean	No	A true or false value specifying whether “WAAS” is supported by the avionics
enableFDE	Boolean	No	A true or false value specifying whether “FDE” is supported by the avionics

**Table 8–4: Constellation Information**

Field Name	Type	Required?	Definition
buildTime	DateTime	No, Response Only	The time that the constellation is being built
almanacId	Integer	No, Response Only	To identify the GPS almanac that was used in the constellation build.
buildInProgress	Boolean	No, Response Only	True if the constellation is currently being rebuilt. This indicates that the data used for the prediction may be obsolete and that the prediction should be retried after a short delay.

**Table 8–5: Route Information**

Field Name	Type	Required?	Definition
routeIdentifier	String	No	Optional for the waypoint.
cruiseAltitude	Integer	Yes	Aircraft Cruising Altitude specified in ft
cruiseSpeed	Double	No	Aircraft Cruising Speed specified in knots
waypoint	Waypoint information	Yes	Waypoint information See Table 8–6
suggestedOffset	Integer	No, Response Only	Returns a value of zero when all waypoints in the route have sufficient coverage and a value of -1 when at least one waypoint does not have sufficient coverage. Any other non-zero integer indicates a suggested change to departure time (specified in minutes) that may result in an increased chance of meeting the rule (however this is not supported for

**Table 8–5: Route Information**

Field Name	Type	Required?	Definition
			XML-based requests).
notes	String	No, Response Only	Returned note on the route

**Table 8–6: Waypoint Information**

Field Name	Type	Required?	Definition
name	String	No	An optional name for the waypoint.
latitude	Double	Yes	The latitude of the waypoint in decimal degrees.
longitude	Double	Yes	The longitude of the waypoint in decimal degrees.
estimatedTimeOver	DateTime	Yes	The anticipated time the aircraft is expected to arrive at the waypoint.
nic	Integer	No, response only	The NIC as predicted by the system. Anything provided by the user is overwritten by the system.
nacp	Integer	No, response only	The NACp as predicted by the system. <i>Note: Anything provided by the user is overwritten by the system.</i>
isSufficientForAdsb	Tribool	No, response only	Returns "true" if the waypoint has met either the ADS–B Final Rule (NIC $\geq 7$ and NACp $\geq 8$ ) or a custom airspace with a performance requirement that is <i>*higher*</i> than the ADS–B Final Rule.  Returns "false" if the waypoint failed to meet the ADS–B Final Rule or a custom airspace with a <i>*higher*</i> performance requirement (note that such custom airspace takes precedent over the ADS–B Final Rule and is treated as the minimal requirement). If the waypoint fails to meet the ADS–B Final Rule but does meet a custom airspace with a performance requirement that is <i>*lower*</i> than the ADS–B Final Rule, this field returns "false" and the "isSufficientForAirspace" field returns "true".  Returns "unspecified" for waypoints that are outside of US airspace.
isSufficientForAirspace	Tribool	No,	Returns "true" if the waypoint has met the

**Table 8–6: Waypoint Information**

Field Name	Type	Required?	Definition
		response only	performance requirement for the airspace that the waypoint falls within. Returns "false" if the waypoint failed to meet the airspace requirement. Returns "unspecified" for waypoints that are outside of US airspace.
backupCoverage	Tribool	No, response only	Returns a value indicating if the waypoint is predicted to have backup coverage (SSR,WAM). <i>Note: Backup coverage is indicated only if the waypoint fails to meet any NIC/NACp requirements associated with it and the waypoint is in US Airspace. The value "unspecified" is returned in all other cases.</i>
potentialInterference	Tribool	No, response only	Returns "true" if the waypoint is predicted to be subject to potential GPS Jamming or Interference and "false" if not. Returns "unspecified" for waypoints that are outside of US airspace.

**Table 8–7: ADS–B SAPT Exception**

Field Name	Type	Definition
ErrorCode	Integer	This number should be included when requesting help.
ErrorMessage	String	A description of the error.

### 8.3 REQUEST AND RESPONSE EXAMPLE

Table 8–8 and Table 8–9 provide examples of a valid AdsbSaptRequest and AdsbSaptResponse in XML form, respectively.

**Table 8–8: Sample ADS–B SAPT Request**

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<soapenv:Envelope
xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
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**Table 8–9: Sample ADS–B SAPT Response**

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</AdbSbSufficiencyForRoute_Response>
</soapenv:Body></soapenv:Envelope>

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## 8.4 INTERPRETING THE RESULTS

The user is responsible for interpreting the results. The results will include most of the same information as submitted, with the addition of NIC, NACp, and Sufficiency.

A point that does not have the ‘isSufficientForAdbSb’ field is not within the defined ADS-B Service volume, and sufficiency does not apply. This situation is analogous to being set to “N/A” in the graphical interface. The Notes section will include error information or other information that is useful to the user, such as any planned system downtime. The XML response will also include a transaction ID that is unique to that transaction.

The following fields have been added in the response .xml file for the Enhancement release:

- isSufficientForAirspace=true/false/unspecified
- backupCoverage=true/false/unspecified
- potentialInterference=true/false/unspecified

## 8.5 ERROR CONDITIONS

Error conditions will typically be in the form of an AdbSbSaptException.

An AdbSbSaptException may be generated in the event of a malformed request or non-nullable field being null, but may also be generated for less obvious reasons.

Lists the error code, error message, and corrective actions a user should take for the less obvious error conditions.

**Table 8–10: ADS–B SAPT Exception Error Information**

Error Code	Error Message	Corrective Actions
-2	Invalid number of routes submitted	Invalid number of routes submitted. Fix the number of routes to be sent to process.
-3	Invalid typeOfAircraft value (SAPT)	Fix the aircraft type that is supported by SAPT.
-4	Invalid value for navSourceTso (SAPT)	Fix the navSourceTso. Choose from this list : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ C129</li> <li>▪ C129 with SA Aware</li> <li>▪ C129 with FDE</li> <li>▪ C129 with SA Aware &amp; FDE</li> </ul>

**Table 8–10: ADS–B SAPT Exception Error Information**

Error Code	Error Message	Corrective Actions
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ C145/146 with WAAS</li> <li>▪ C145/146 outside WAAS Coverage</li> <li>▪ C196</li> </ul>
-6	Invalid cruiseAltitude value (SAPT)	Fix the cruiseAltitude to be within the range of 10 – 510.
-7	Too few waypoints submitted	Increase the number of waypoints to be submitted.
-9	Invalid latitude value	Change the waypoint latitude value. Latitude must be between +/-90.0 degrees.
-10	Invalid longitude value	Change the waypoint longitude value. Longitude must be between +/-180.0 degrees.
-11	Missing estimatedTimeOver value	Make sure the estimatedTimeOver value is entered.
-12	EstimatedTimeOver value is in the past	Make sure the estimatedTimeOver value is in the future.
-13	Timed-out due to maxWaitAccepted	Set the maxWaitAccepted value to a larger number.
-14	Validator configuration error (SAPT)	Contact us at <a href="https://enroutesupport.faa.gov/sapt/feedback.aspx">https://enroutesupport.faa.gov/sapt/feedback.aspx</a>
-15	Timeout from prediction servers	Try again in a couple of minutes. If you get the error again, contact us at <a href="https://enroutesupport.faa.gov/sapt/feedback.aspx">https://enroutesupport.faa.gov/sapt/feedback.aspx</a>
-17	Invalid avionics options (TSO + SA,FDE,WAAS) (SAPT)	Make sure the avionics options are correct. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ C129</li> <li>▪ C129 with SA Aware</li> <li>▪ C129 with FDE</li> <li>▪ C129 with SA Aware &amp; FDE</li> <li>▪ C145/146 with WAAS</li> <li>▪ C145/146 outside WAAS Coverage</li> <li>▪ C196</li> </ul>
-18	Invalid maskAngle value (SAPT)	Make sure the maskAngle value is between 0 to 5.0 using half-degree increments
-19	HAL input is out of valid range (RAIM)	Make sure the HAL value is within range.
-99	Internal exception	None of the above errors. Contact us at <a href="https://enroutesupport.faa.gov/sapt/feedback.aspx">https://enroutesupport.faa.gov/sapt/feedback.aspx</a>

## 9 RAIM PREDICTION TOOL

The RAIM prediction model constructs the GPS constellation from a given almanac. This almanac is usually the most recent but can also be an historic one in order to construct scenarios or for validation. The constellation is iterated over the prediction window using the specified time interval.

The RAIM algorithms implemented in the ADS-B SAPT have a confidence level of 99.99999 percent.

RAIM needs a minimum of five satellites in view, or four satellites and a barometric altimeter (baro-aiding), to detect an integrity anomaly. The GPS receiver verifies the usability of the signals received from the GPS constellation through RAIM to determine if a satellite is providing corrupted information.

In addition to the satellites required for navigation, at least one must be in view for the receiver to perform the RAIM function.

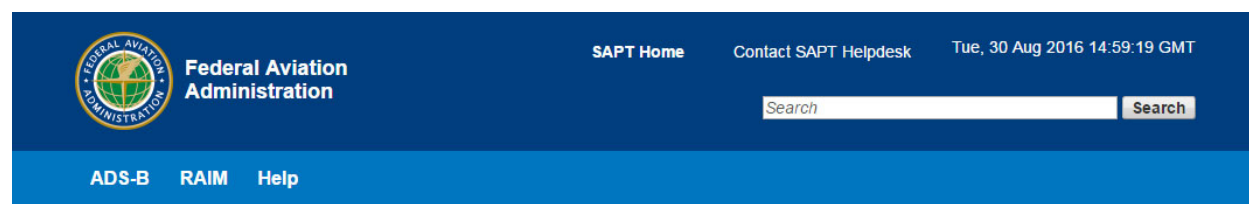
RAIM capability cannot be determined by simply counting the number of satellites in view. Since ADS-B reports rely primarily on GPS for information regarding aircraft position, the accuracy of the solution must be validated.

The HPL is calculated for each user's time and location. The HPL is a radius in the horizontal (latitude-longitude) plane around the user's calculated GPS position. The RAIM model ensures that, within the specified confidence level, the user's actual position is within the HPL radius of the calculated position. The HPL is converted to the NIC value which is used to determine sufficiency.

The SAPT provides maps of wide area outages as a flight planning aid for informational situational awareness only. Wide area outage maps are available for a limited subset of supported avionics for both ADS-B and RAIM.

### 9.1 GETTING STARTED WITH RAIM

This page provides a summary introduction to the RAIM prediction tool, explains what users can accomplish in the web pages, and lays out the limitations of the tool. This page is shown in the following image:



## Getting Started with RAIM SAPT

### A quick guide to using the RAIM prediction service

Welcome to the web site for the **Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring (RAIM) Service Availability Prediction Tool (SAPT)**.

This website offers a Grid Display Tool and Summary Displays which can be used to graphically view RAIM outage predictions for specific equipment configurations.

It also supports an XML-based web service for automated checking of RAIM compliance (relative to the AC 90-100A rule (PDF) [pdf] (168KB)) by flight planning software. To read about the XML service please see our [RAIM XML help page](#).

A quick legal note: this system is for flight informational purposes only. Submissions to this system do not generate formal flight plans.

We encourage users to download the [User Guide](#) [pdf] (4.6MB) to become familiar with the SAPT site and features.

Users who are looking for files that used to be produced by the original raimprediction.net site should download the latest [file formats](#) [pdf] (139KB) document.

### User Feedback

Users are encouraged to submit feedback about the operation of the system, using the [feedback form](#).

Items of particular interest are:

- Usability
- Latency
- Issues
- Errors
- Suggestions

**Figure 9–1: Getting Started with RAIM SAPT Page**

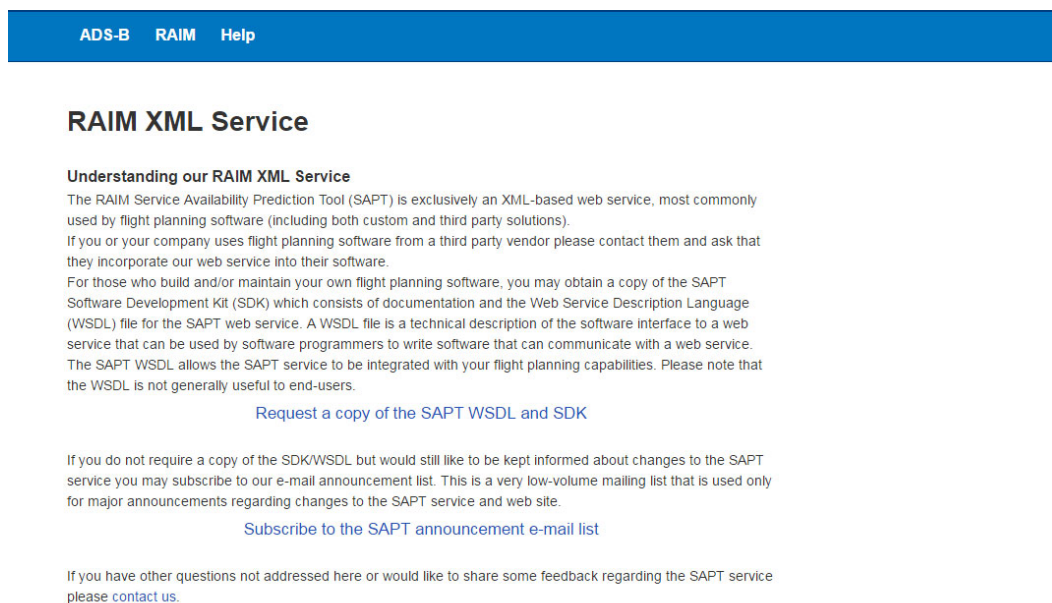
## 9.2 RAIM XML SERVICE

The RAIM SAPT is exclusively an XML-based web service, most commonly used by flight planning software (including both custom and third-party solutions).

If you use flight planning software from a third-party vendor, please contact the vendor and request that they incorporate our web service into their software.

If you build and/or maintain your own flight planning software you may obtain a copy of the SAPT Software Development Kit (SDK) and the Web Service Description Language (WSDL) file for the SAPT web service.

A WSDL file is a technical description of the software interface to a web service that programmers can use to write software that can communicate with a web service. The SAPT WSDL allows the SAPT service to be integrated with your flight planning capabilities.

**Figure 9–2: RAIM XML Service Page**

### 9.2.1 Request the SAPT WSDL and SDK

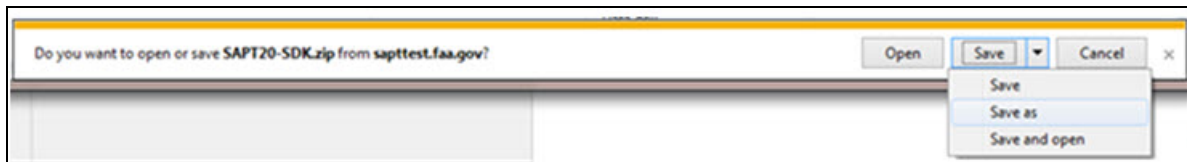
If you do not require a copy of the SDK/WSDL but would like to be informed about changes to the SAPT service, you may subscribe to our e-mail announcement list. This is used only for major announcements regarding changes to the SAPT service and web site.

Click the [Request a copy of the SAPT WSDL and SDK](#) link on the RAIM XML Service page to open the download page:

The screenshot shows the 'Download the SAPT SDK' form. It has a blue navigation bar at the top with 'ADS-B', 'RAIM', and 'Help' links. The heading is 'Download the SAPT SDK'. Below the heading is a paragraph of text: 'To download a copy of the SAPT SDK (including the WSDL file) please fill-in the following form and then press the Download button.' The form itself is a light blue box containing a text input field for an email address, a checkbox for 'Please click this checkbox if you prefer not to subscribe to the SAPT announcement list at this time:', and a 'Download' button.**Figure 9–3: Download the SAPT SDK**

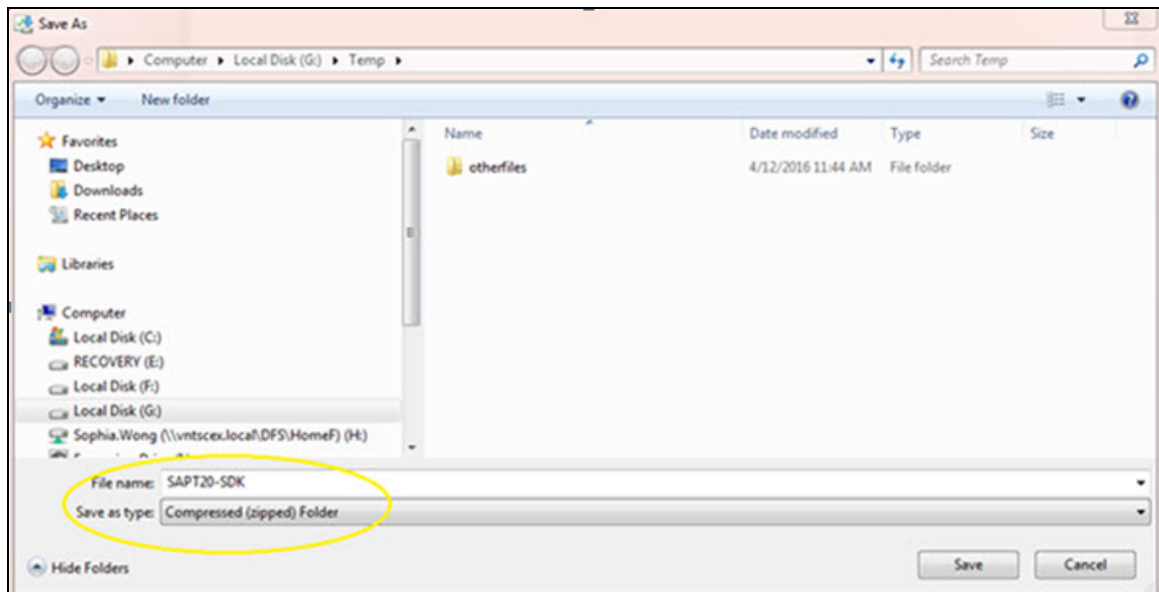


When you click **DOWNLOAD** the application generates a pop-up dialog:



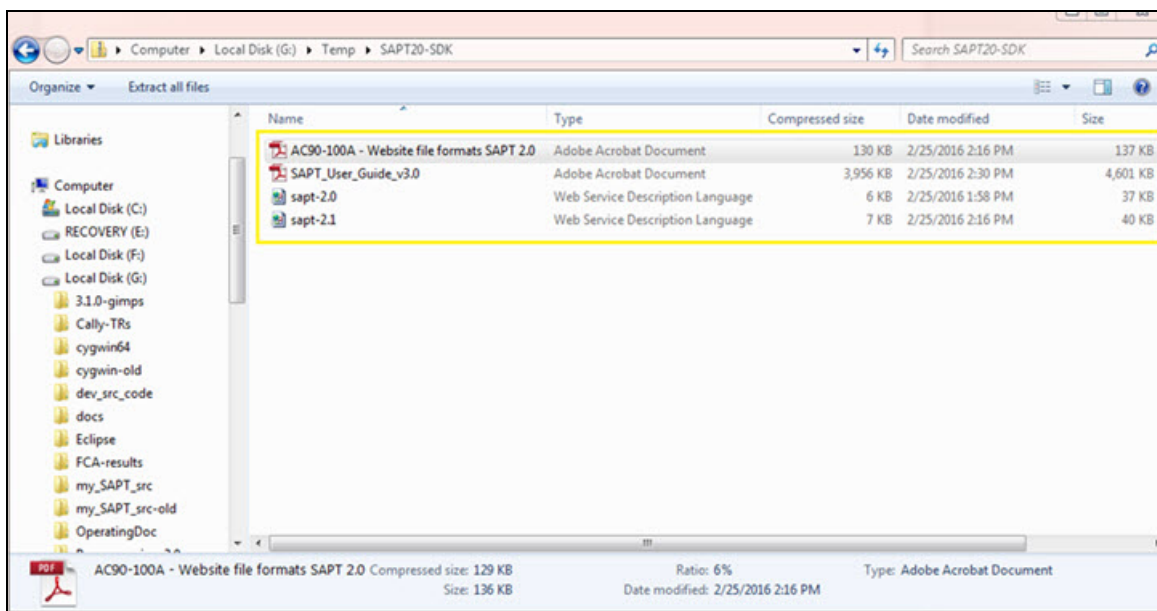
**Figure 9–4: Download the SAPT SDK Pop-up Window**

Click **SAVE AS** if you want to choose the location where you save the file on your computer:



**Figure 9–5: Save the SAPT SDK**

Click **OPEN** to save the file to the temporary internet files folder on your computer:



**Figure 9–6: Open the SAPT SDK**

The SDK archive contains the WSDL and other files that might be useful in developing software to interface with the SAPT.

### 9.2.2 SAPT Announcement Subscription

Announcements regarding changes to the SAPT web service and web site will be made periodically. At least one person from each organization should be subscribed to the SAPT announcement list so that all users at that organization can learn of pending changes.

If you are interested in receiving SAPT announcements, click the [Subscribe to the SAPT announcement e-mail](#) link to open the subscription page:

ADS-B RAIM Help

Subscribe to the SAPT e-mail Announcement List

To subscribe to the SAPT e-mail announcement list please fill-in the following form and then press the Subscribe button.

Please enter your e-mail address. This address will be subscribed to the SAPT announcement e-mail list. This is a very low-volume list used only for announcements regarding changes to the SAPT web service and web site. If you or someone from your organization is already subscribed to the e-mail list it is not necessary for you to subscribe as well. It is recommended that at least one person from your organization be subscribed to the SAPT announcement list so that we may inform you of pending changes.

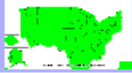
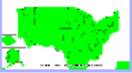




Subscribe

**Figure 9–7: Download the SAPT SDK**

Enter your e-mail address and press **SUBSCRIBE**.

## 10 RAIM SUMMARY PAGES

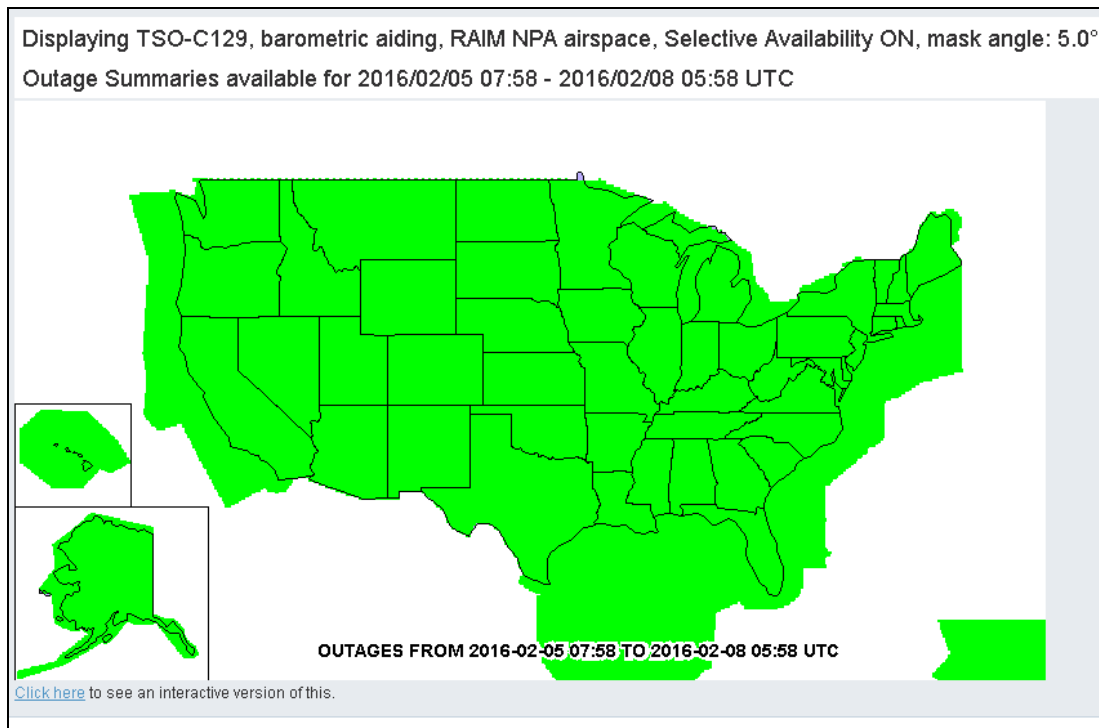
Scroll down the ADS-B SAPT home page to see the RAIM Summary Pages section of the site:

RAIM Summary Pages		
Phase-of-flight	With Baro-Aiding	Without Baro-Aiding
En Route		
Terminal		
NPA		
Click on an image to view		

**Figure 10–1: RAIM Summary Section**

Click on the image that mirrors the avionics on your aircraft and the phase of flight you are interested in to see an overview.

The following image illustrates the summary for NPA airspace with selective availability and barometric aiding both enabled:



**Figure 10–2: RAIM Summary — NPA Airspace, SA On and Baro-aiding Enabled**

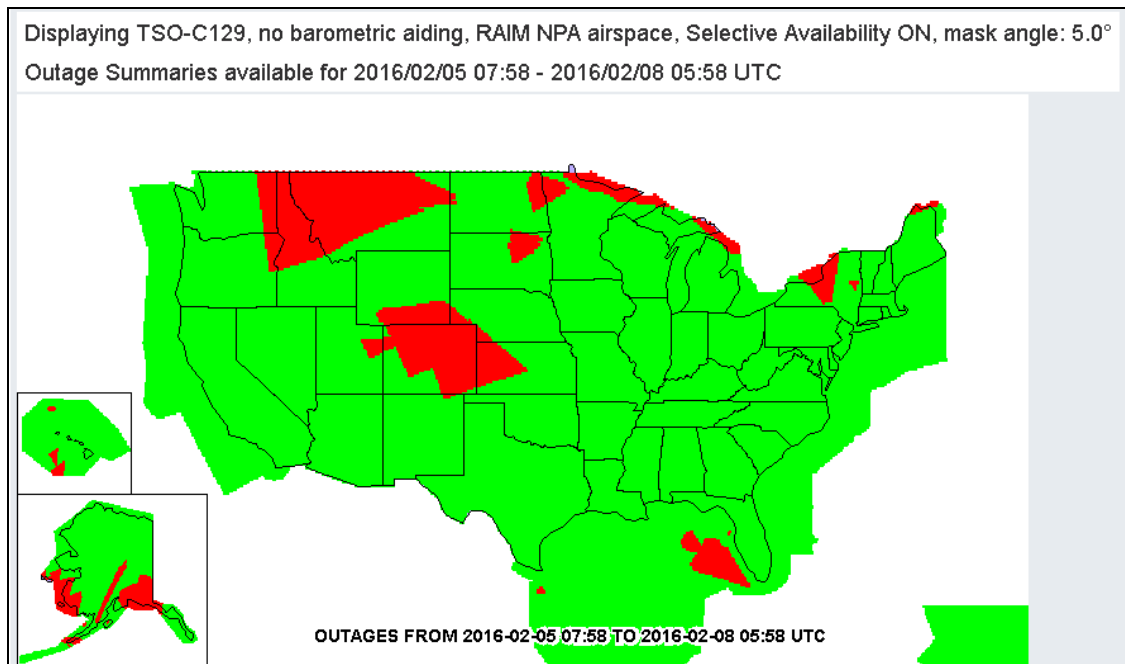
Your parameters are displayed at the top of the screen. The outage summary beneath them is a quick review of the activity within the 24-hour prediction window.

The snapshots offer a 24-hour window on the CONUS. If the area where you intend to fly is colored green there are no predicted RAIM outages in that area for the next 24 hours and you may proceed with your trip.

Red blocks indicate outages. If there are red sections of the map near where you plan to travel, or if you are unsure if the outages will affect your flight, please employ the SAPT to get a more detailed forecast.

Please refresh the summary page each time you review it in case it has been cached in your browser.

The following image illustrates the summary for NPA airspace with selective availability ON and no barometric aiding:

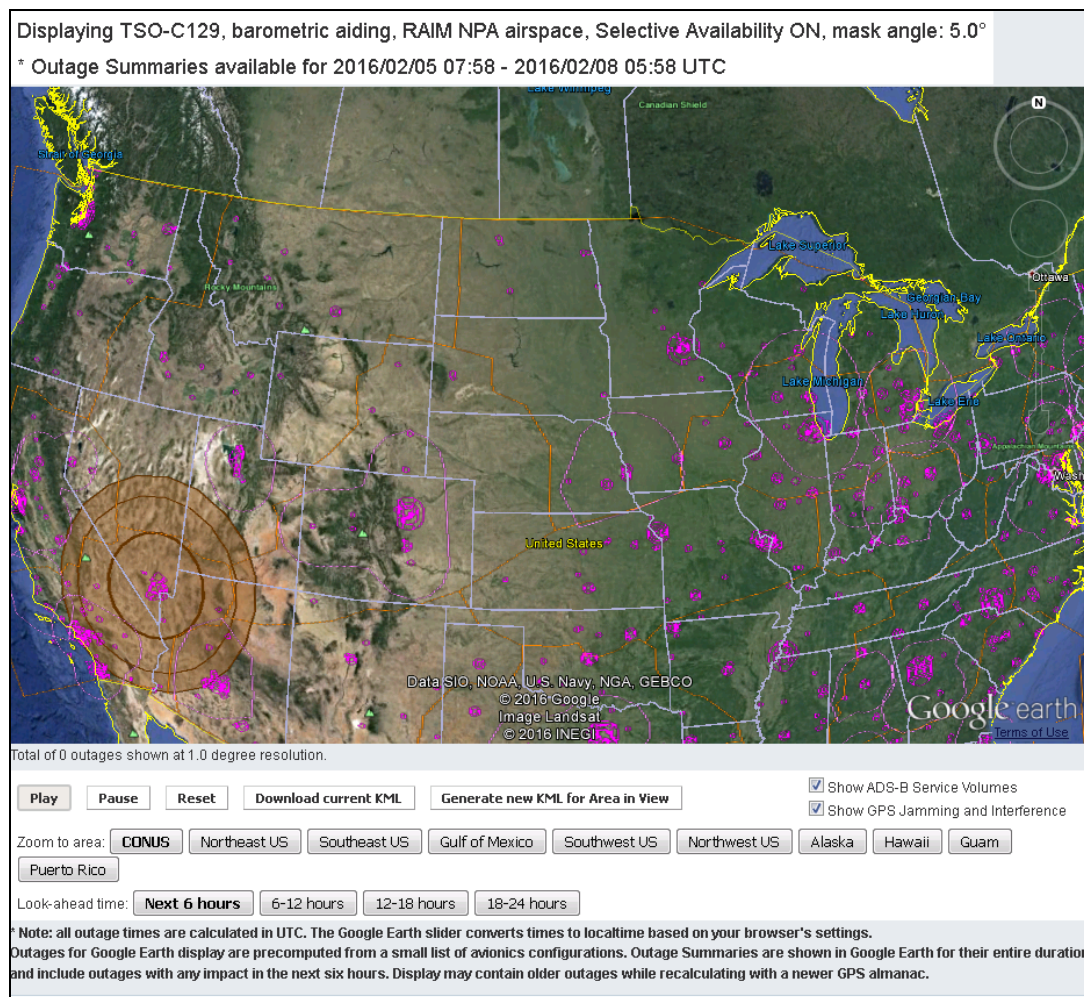


**Figure 10–3: RAIM Summary — NPA Airspace, With SA On and No Baro-aiding**

To see the Google Earth™ representation of a mapped route of flight, click the hyperlink in the bottom left corner of the screen (“[Click here](#) to see an interactive version of this”). It will take a few moments to generate the map.

The following image is the Google Earth™ representation of Figure 10–3:

*Note: In the interactive presentation you see outages over the next six hours only. Please review the summary pages again later or use the SAPT Flight Plan Form for more information.*



**Figure 10–4: RAIM Summary — NPA Airspace, SA On and Baro-aiding**

Some of the features of this tool are displayed at the bottom of the Google Earth™ applet. They are described briefly here:

*Notes: The graphical display is provided through the Google Earth™ API and functionality consistent with the SAPT ADS–B requirements.*

*Outages are shown in red for En Route, Terminal and NPA areas, and are available both with and without baro aiding.*

*GPS jamming and interference outages are shown in brown.*

- Press **PLAY** to run the simulation and review the prediction window.
- Press **PAUSE** to stop the simulation.
- Click **RESET** to set the simulation to the starting point again.
- Press **DOWNLOAD KML** to download the KML servlet.
- Zoom to area: Press **CONUS**, **NORTHEAST US**, **SOUTHEAST US**, **GULF OF MEXICO**, **SOUTHWEST US**, **NORWEST US**, **ALASKA**, **HAWAII**, **GUAM** AND **PUERTO RICO** to select

the area for viewing.

- Look-ahead time: Press **NEXT 6 HOURS**, **6–12 HOURS**, **12–18 HOURS** and **12–24 HOURS** to select the look-ahead time for outage.
- Press **GENERATE KML FOR AREA IN VIEW** to see the entire area you have chosen.
- Check the boxes for Show ADS-B Service Volumes and Show GPS Jamming and Interference if you want to see that information.

To zoom in on the area of interest you can use any of these three different methods:

- Method 1: Select an area by pressing one of the buttons right to Zoom to area.  
*Note: The region defaults to the entire continental United States.*
- Method 2. Employ the slider tool on the right side of the screen, illustrated here:

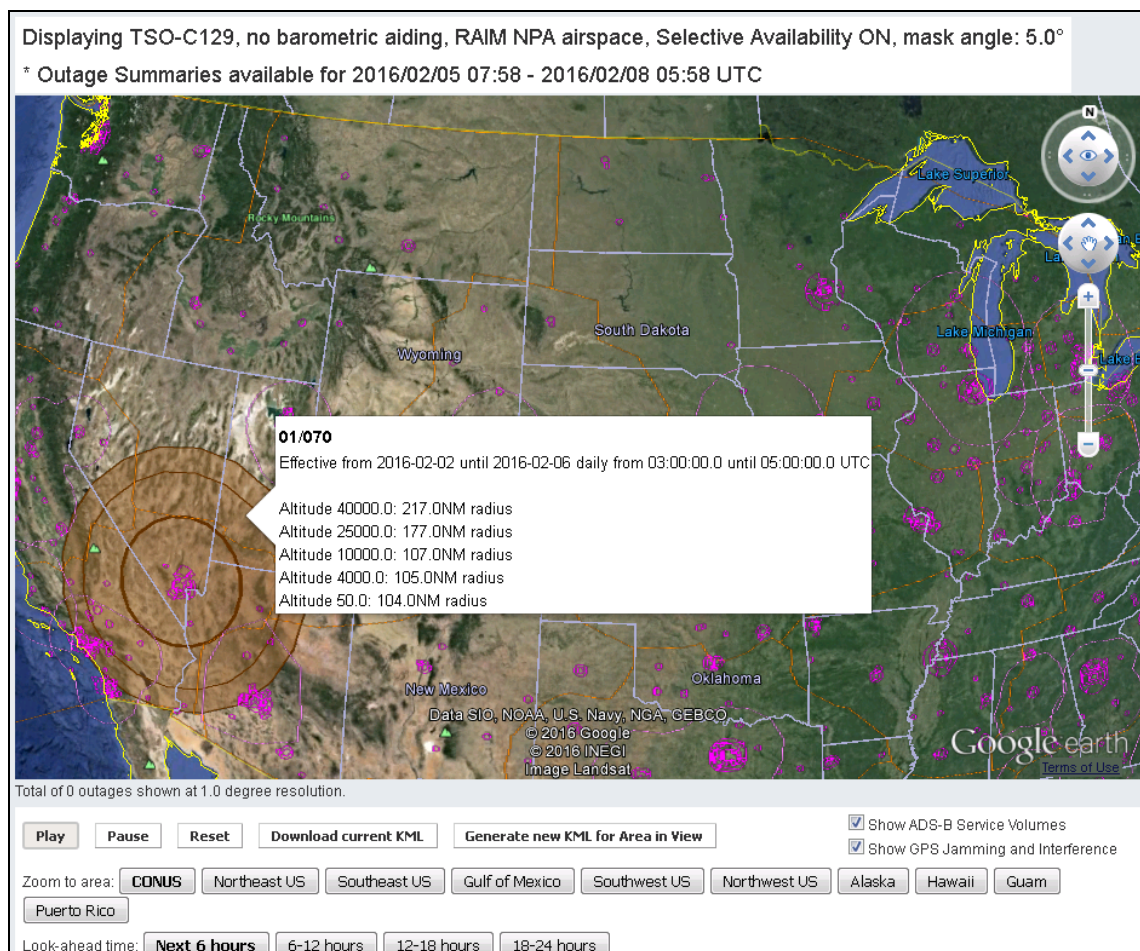


- Method 3. Use the hand tool in Google Earth™ to ‘grab’ a section of the map and move it in the desired direction.

To zoom back out reverse whichever of the above methods you used: i.e., select a different region from the drop-down list, use the slider tool or use the Google hand icon.

For details of an outage, position the mouse over an area and press the left mouse button. The information appears as a pop-up window, as illustrated here:





**Figure 10–5: RAIM Summary — NPA Airspace, SA On and No Baro-aiding**



## APPENDIX A. ACRONYMS AND GLOSSARY

The following acronyms and terms may be found in this document.

Acronym	Definition
3D	Three-Dimensional
A/A	Air-to-Air
A/G	Air-to-Ground
AC	Advisory Circular  ACs are publications offered by the FAA to provide guidance for compliance with aviation regulations. They define acceptable means, but not the only means, of accomplishing or showing compliance with aviation regulations.  Generally informative, ACs are neither binding nor regulatory yet some have the effect of de facto standards or regulations.
AC 90–100A	Advisory Circular “U.S. Terminal and En Route Area Navigation (RNAV) Operations”
ACY	FAA Technical Center in Atlantic City, NJ
ADS–B	Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast  ADS–B provides significant operational capabilities by addressing some of the limitations of the present surveillance system. The aircraft’s avionics system automatically transmits messages containing position and velocity information to the ATC. This makes the aircraft visible to the ATC and other appropriately equipped ADS–B aircraft. ADS–B allows ATC to monitor and separate aircraft with more precision. Because ADS–B uses GPS signals, it expands surveillance services into areas where little or no radar coverage exists.
AJAX	Asynchronous JavaScript and XML
API	Application Programming Interface
ARC	(ADS–B) Aviation Rulemaking Committee
ATC	Air Traffic Control
BA	Barometric aiding, baro-aiding  A method of augmenting the GPS integrity solution by using a non-satellite input source. To ensure that baro-aiding is available, the current altimeter setting must be entered as described in the operating manual.
CICA	Convention on International Civil Aviation
CIFP	Coded Instrument Flight Procedures (formerly the National Flight Database (NFD))
CONUS	Continental United States
DoD	Department of Defense
DOT	Department of Transportation
ETO	Estimated Time Over
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration

Acronym	Definition
FD	Fault Detection
FDE	Fault Detection and Exclusion
FL	Flight Level
GA	General Aviation
GMT	Greenwich Mean Time
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite Systems
GPS	Global Positioning System
GUI	Graphical User Interface
HAL	Horizontal Alert Limit
HFOM	Horizontal Figure of Merit
HPL	Horizontal Protection Limit
HTML	Hypertext Markup Language
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
IP	Internet Protocol
IT	Information Technology
J2EE	Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition
KML	Keyhole Markup Language
LAAS	Local Area Augmentation System  LAAS is an all-weather aircraft landing system based on real-time differential correction of the GPS signal. Local reference receivers located around the airport send data to a central location at the airport. The data are used to formulate a correction message, which is transmitted to users by VHF data link. A receiver on an aircraft uses this information to correct GPS signals, which then provide a standard ILS-style display to use while flying a precision approach.
LAN	Local Area Network
Mask angle	The minimum acceptable satellite elevation above the horizon to avoid blockage of line-of-sight.
MHz	Megahertz
MOPS	Minimum Operational Performance Standards
MSL	Mean sea level
NACp	Navigation Accuracy Category for Position  NACp specifies with 95 percent probability the accuracy limits for the horizontal position that is being broadcast.
NAS	National Airspace System
Nav aids	Aids to navigation
NextGen	Next Generation Air Transportation System
NFD	National Flight Database

Acronym	Definition
NIC	Navigation Integrity Category The NIC specifies the radius of containment for the aircraft's horizontal position.
NM	Nautical Miles
NOTAM	Notice to Airmen NOTAM or NoTAM are filed with an aviation authority to alert pilots of potential hazards along a flight route or at a location that could affect the safety of the flight. They are unclassified notices or advisories distributed by means of telecommunication that contain information about the establishment, conditions or change in any aeronautical facility, service, procedure or hazard, the timely knowledge of which is essential to personnel and systems concerned with flight operations. NOTAMs are created and transmitted by government agencies and airport operators under guidelines specified by Annex 15: Aeronautical Information Services of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (CICA).
NPA	
QRO	Quality and Reliability Officer
RADAR	Radio Detection and Ranging
RAIM	Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring
RNAV	Area navigation (RNAV) RNAV is a method of air navigation that allows an aircraft to choose any course within a network of navigation beacons, rather than navigating directly to and from the beacons. It can conserve flight distance, reduce congestion, and allow instrument flight plans into airports without beacons.
RNP	Required Navigation Performance Accuracy, Integrity, Continuity, Availability
SA	Selective Availability A function in the GPS navigation system that deliberately introduced random errors for civilian receivers. It was implemented to prevent enemy troops on foreign soil from using the GPS system to their advantage, while allowing friendly troops to obtain the true signals in GPS receivers that supported military encryption. SA was disabled permanently in 2000.
SAPT	(ADS-B) Service Availability Prediction Tool
SBAS	Satellite-Based Augmentation System
SBS	Surveillance and Broadcast Services
SDK	Software Development Kit
SID	Standard Instrument Departure
SIL	Source Integrity Level The SIL defines the probability that the reported aircraft's position is outside the radius of containment defined by the NIC parameter, without alarms and/or alerts.
SSLPM	Satellite Service Level Prediction Model

Acronym	Definition
SSR	<p>Secondary Surveillance Radar</p> <p>SSR is used in Air Traffic Control to not only detect and measure the position of aircraft, i.e., range and bearing, but also to request additional information from the aircraft itself, such as its identity and altitude.</p>
STAR	Standard Terminal Arrival
TCP/IP	Transfer Control Protocol/ Internet Protocol
TSC	Technologies Service Corporation
SVDD	Service Volume Definition Document
TSO	<p>Technical Standard Order</p> <p>A TSO is a minimum performance standard for specified materials, parts, and appliances used on civil aircraft. When authorized to manufacture a material, part, or appliances to a TSO standard, this is referred to as TSO authorization. A separate FAA approval is required to install the article on an aircraft.</p>
UAT	Universal Access Transceiver
UML	Unified Modeling Language
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time
WAAS	<p>Wide Area Augmentation System</p> <p>WAAS provides horizontal and vertical navigation for approach operations for all users at all locations. WAAS provides service for all classes of aircraft in all phases of flight, including En Route navigation and airport departures and arrivals.</p>
WAM	<p>Wide Area Multilateration</p> <p>In this technique several ground-receiving stations listen to signals from an aircraft and the aircraft location is mathematically calculated — typically in two dimensions, with the aircraft providing its altitude. Aircraft position, altitude and other data are ultimately transmitted, through an ATC automation system, to ATC for separation of aircraft.</p> <p>WAM provides performance that is comparable to secondary surveillance radar (SSR) in terms of accuracy, probability of detection, update rate and availability/reliability. Performance varies as a function of the location of aircraft in relation to the ground sensors.</p>
WAN	Wide Area Network
WJHTC	William J. Hughes Technical Center
WSDL	Web Service Description Language
XML	eXtensible Markup Language

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